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Inquiry into regional aviation services

Flinders Island Quality Meats puts forward the following submission for consideration into the inquiry into regional aviation services.

- The type of aircraft servicing Flinders Island is not suitable which affects our business greatly
- Flinders Island Quality Meats tries to support the RPT service to Flinders Island, this service has limited freight carrying capacity
- Only consignments of small quantities can be freighted at one time
- Each consignment carries a surcharge resulting in an extra cost on top of the \$/kg rate
- Flinders Island Quality Meats customers are not happy with consignments being delayed due to unavailability of space
- Tullamarine needs to be the destination to be able to connect with the major airlines for interstate freight, being a perishable product it needs to get to its destination quickly
- Freight carrying capacity needs to be upgraded to cater for projected growth. Growth currently is restricted by lack of space
- Greater passenger carrying capacity is required to make any worthwhile impact on visitor numbers which is needed to positively impact on local business trade
- Government assistance is needed to enable a company to establish a suitable service

Yours truly,

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