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House of Representatives
Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Secretary: *Al Becking*

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NGUIU ULLINTJINNI ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF INTEREST ON
TRANSPORT AND
REGIONAL SERVICES

SUBMISSION on FREIGHT and PERSONAL TRANSPORT

Darwin to Nguiu, Bathurst Island - Nguiu, Bathurst Island to Darwin
Distance - approximately 80 kilometres.

SUMMARY of SERVICES

AIR SERVICE

At present Air Ngukurr is the only regional carrier servicing the Darwin to Nguiu route - as follows
- Monday to Saturday inclusive, 3 flights per day
Sunday - 2 flights
Cost is \$80 per person with 10kg personal luggage allowed.
Additional freight \$1.30/kg

BARGE SERVICE

One service per week by Tiwi Barge Services-Darwin to Nguiu and return - freight only
Freezer/Chiller rate .45c/kg
Square metre rate \$65 per m3

The above barge costs put into perspective, ie Fuel 11c per litre
30-40c per loaf bread
10c per 375g can
45c per kg meat

I estimate \$25.00 is directly attributed to the cost of a family shopping basket of \$200, to cover freight costs and handling from Darwin to Nguiu for this community of 1500 persons, 90% of whom their sole income is some form of Government payment.

Despite the high cost of freight, the much larger problem is the lack of caring and understanding from the only 2 companies who hold a monopoly for services to this Community.

In conclusion, it is felt that this cartel is limiting the aspirations and standard of living of the Tiwi people, and the most appropriate course of action would be to encourage more participants to deliver a fair and reasonable service to the Tiwi Islands.

Yours sincerely,

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Tiwi Barge Services Pty Ltd

28/8/03

NGUIU ULLINTJINNI STORE
Bathurst Island

At: Chris

Re: Freight Rates

Regarding our telephone conversation today on our current freight rates.
If you go back through the store records you will find that there has been no increase in our rate for over 3 years. Due to current and unforeseen price increases on our side we reluctantly have to increase our price to suit these rises and we regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Current rates are as follows

Freezer and Chiller rates .40c per kilo.

New rates for Chiller and Freezer as of the 1st September 2003 .45c per kilo

Square metre rate \$60.00 per m3

New square metre rate will be \$65.00 per m3

Any queries do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Regards

Cynthia Sandford
Director

