



Thursday, August 29, 2002

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT & REGIONAL SERVICES –
Inquiry into Commercial Regional Aviation & Transport Links to Major Populated
Islands.**

Attn: Mr Tas Luttrell

Dear Sir

It is with great interest that I read the press release of the Liberal Party of Tasmania, which lead to our subsequent phone conversation.

King Island suffers in a unique way from both transport and various other communication problems; not the least being, conveying tourists to the island in something larger than a 10 seater aircraft.

Tourism is rapidly forming a substantial part of the revenue for this small community, mooted to be around 10% and growing. The main problem that we have is letting people know where we are, and getting them here in relative comfort. We have recently seen a tottering Kendall airline being sold to what we all hope is to be a successful purchaser. On the other hand the Tasmanian Government has heavily subsidised ferry fares on two new ships, thus placing King Island, which has no sea service, at a great disadvantage.

We are nurturing a growing tourist industry on this beautiful island and, provided the transport links can be strengthened, the future looks promising. We would greatly appreciate further consultation with appropriate bodies such as yours and advice as to the best path that we should follow.

Yours faithfully

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