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SIR,

I rely on the tourist industry for a major part of my income. This industry suffers greatly under the present Airline + Shipping Service.

We only have one regular air service which uses small eight seater aircraft. The present service can bring 140 people per week many of these seats are taken up by local people traveling between here + Launceston for medical, business, schooling holidays shopping etc. ~~Accommo~~ Our tourists have to compete for the few remaining seats which means many of the 240 beds in our Accommodation houses are left empty even through peak-tourism times, Summer.

This shortage not only affects tourists local people find it impossible to get a seat on a plane at short notice even in the off peak period - Summer time it is quite common to have to wait 10 days or longer, ~~for a seat~~ ~~in the~~ ~~Summer~~ ~~period~~, too bad about emergencies.

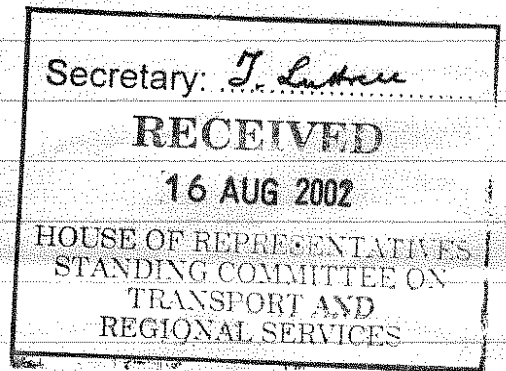
Exorbitant airfares prevent many ^{low income} families from traveling - over \$800 for a family of four to Launceston. Some only get off the island if they have to go away for medical reasons + the government pays for their fare. These high fares also serve as a deterrent to many tourists.

We don't have a passenger ship as such the cargo ship carries a handful of passengers if they are bringing a car with them this is not a very suitable means of transport because of the exorbitant costs \$600 - \$800 per car plus \$70.

per person added to that a 10-12 hour often rough open sea voyage makes it far from attractive to locals or Tourists alike.

We have an Island paradise ~~here~~ which could be a tourism Mecca if we could only make it more available to the tourists who want to come here.

Yours faithfully



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