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**Standing Committee on Transport & Regional Services-
Inquiry into Commercial Regional Aviation & Transport Links to Major Populated
Islands.**

Attention: Mr Tas Luttrell

Dear Sir,

I wish to make the following comment on the above inquiry regarding specifically services to King Island.


King Island has suffered in the past 12 months from the uncertainty of our airlines and because of this our retail industry has suffered from the drop in the number of tourists visiting our island.

Because we are a remote area and freight adds considerable cost to each item, and we pay GST on the higher price, we are therefore being penalised twice.

Currently we receive little or no subsidy for travelling off the island, where as Tasmanian mainlanders benefit greatly from the subsidy given to the two new ships. Maybe the \$10 levy applied to airfares after the demise of Ansett, could be used as funding for remote area marketing or subsidies.

I hope your committee visits us here at King Island and look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully



**ROBYN WILSON
Proprietor**