



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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Hon Josh Willie MP
Leader of the Opposition

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Dear Mr Willie

On 24 September you asked the following question in the House on behalf of your constituents.

I have had a number of constituents ask me whether the government is going to allow public tours of Spirit IV while it's sitting on the dock.

I'm pleased to report that public open days were held on Spirit of Tasmania IV while it was in Hobart. Despite the poor weather, over four days almost 6,000 people visited Spirit of Tasmania IV for a special self-guided tour through the decks, cabins and lounges. This was a rare chance to explore behind the scenes of this impressive new ship.

TT-Line used the opportunity to engage with a local charity, with Kingston Rotary collecting gold coin donations raising a total of just under \$5,000. TT-Line also collected feedback from visitors, which was overwhelmingly positive. Comments included:

"The décor is amazing! Loved the fabrics, lighting and artwork. It feels like a cruise ship. The staff were so friendly and helpful. Well done!"

"Staff were friendly and happy to help. I use a walking frame and really appreciated their support."

"The ship is beautiful. The staff's enthusiasm was infectious. Best of luck for when services begin next year."

The tours were a great success, and next year when Spirit of Tasmania V docks in Hobart I look forward to an extended program of public tours, including for schools and community groups.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier