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Dear Tim

RELEASE OF LAUNCESTON TO SCOTTSDALE RAIL CORRIDOR

TasRail has undertaken a review of its non-operational lines, including the Launceston to Scottsdale Line (the North-East Line), and considers that there are no significant commercial rail freight opportunities likely on that line within the foreseeable future.

As a consequence, TasRail will be advising the Minister for Infrastructure of its intention to relinquish its lease on the North-East Line. Ultimately, it will be a decision for the Minister and the Department of State Growth to determine future uses for the corridor, but from a rail freight perspective TasRail has no further use. It should be noted that any future lessee will be responsible for vegetation management and public liability obligations.

Further, in relinquishing its leasehold over the North-East Line, TasRail will seek the right to re-invoke the corridor lease in the event that a substantial commercial rail freight opportunity emerged in the future (notwithstanding the significant investment that would be required by TasRail in order to re-establish rail freight operations).

Yours sincerely



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