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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

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IMPROVEMENT OF THE RIVER TAMAR :

PETITION.

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Presented by Mr. Lette, August 8, 1890, and ordered by the House of Assembly  
to be printed.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly  
of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Electors of Tasmania,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. THAT the time has arrived when, in the best interests of the Colony, a much more rapid, efficient, and economical system than has hitherto obtained should be adopted, by means of more modern dredging appliances, for improving the River Tamar, so as to bring deep water to the concentrating terminus of the Tasmanian Railways, and permit the arrival and departure of the largest of our intercolonial traders at all states of the tide.

2. That with the Tamar so improved, express steamers for mails and passengers will be enabled to maintain a time-table at a fixed hour throughout the year in connection with the present Railway service, and large steamers, which alone can cope with and carry cheaply the yearly increasing export of light produce, will place the Tasmanian producer on even terms with his intercolonial competitor in the neighbouring markets.

3. That the exceedingly marked increase in the passenger traffic between Launceston and the Mainland,—such passengers spreading over all parts of Tasmania, thereby materially contributing to increase the general revenue,—together with the great expansion of the import and export trade, urgently demand that the River Tamar should be so improved ; and the opinions of those of practical and thorough experience tend to show that this can be accomplished for an expenditure which is moderate in comparison with the truly great and national importance of the work.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to give this matter your careful attention and consideration during the present Session.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[*Here follow 1901 Signatures.*]