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Dear Ms Dow

Thank you for your constituent question asked on 8 August 2024 in Parliament to the then Minister for Infrastructure, the Hon Michael Ferguson MP, regarding the possible use of Burnie Port for the new Spirit of Tasmania vessels. I am responding as the Minister for Transport.

TT-Line advises that it has previously investigated the use of Burnie Port for the existing vessels as an alternative berth when, for example, the Devonport Port is closed and again as a temporary alternative berth for the new vessels in the interim until the completion of the Berth 3 project.

The investigations revealed that, while the berths at Burnie have sufficient length to take the current and new vessels, the existing infrastructure is unable to accommodate the vessels.

I also understand that a preliminary estimate of the costs of the works to improve the berths at Burnie would likely exceed the costs for the proposed upgrade to the current Berth 1.

Thank you for raising these matters in Parliament, I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Eric Abetz MP

Minister for Transport