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Dear Mr Bradford

We are writing to you in relation to the construction of berthing infrastructure at the Devonport Port for the new TT-Line vessels.

As Shareholding Ministers of the Tasmanian Ports Corporation Pty Ltd, on behalf of the people of Tasmania, it is important that we emphasise that the timely completion and arrival of the new TT-Line vessels in Tasmania; the availability of suitable infrastructure for the new vessels at the Port of Devonport prior to the arrival of the new vessels; and the timely completion of the permanent port infrastructure for the new vessels is of the highest strategic importance for the Government and Tasmania.

We were very disappointed by the recent advice from TT-Line that the berthing infrastructure for which it was responsible, at Devonport, would not be ready for the arrival of the new vessels. We are also strongly of the view that any further delay in the operation of the new TT-Line vessels due to a failure to have completed port infrastructure, will be rightly seen as a matter of great concern by the Tasmanian tourism industry, freight operators and the broader Tasmanian community.

In these circumstances and taking into account the significant discussions that have occurred in recent weeks between ourselves, the Department of State Growth, Tasports and TT-Line, we consider it appropriate that our requirements as Tasports' shareholders are made very clear to the Tasports Board. To this end, in accordance with the Tasports' Constitution, the attached Direction has been signed by us as shareholders. The Direction seeks to ensure that the public interest and the State's broader economic and social objectives are addressed within the commercial objectives and practices of the Company. The Direction has a strong focus on the completion of Berth 1 and 2 infrastructure prior to the arrival of the new TT-Line vessels; the importance of Tasports working proactively and collaboratively with TT-Line; and the provision of information to us as shareholders through the Department of State Growth.

We expect the Tasports Board to treat the matters detailed within the Direction with the utmost importance.

For the information of the Board, we can also advise that, as shareholders of TT-Line, we have provided a Direction to that Company in relation to its vital role in the vessel replacement project, the construction of the required permanent infrastructure at Berth 3 and the importance of it working proactively and collaboratively with Tasports.

Yours sincerely



Hon Michael Ferguson MP  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Infrastructure



Hon Eric Abetz MP  
Minister for Transport

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