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Dear Mr Quinlivan

Productivity Commission Inquiry into Tasmania's Shipping Costs and the Competitiveness of Tasmania's Freight Industry

Please find attached the Department's submission to the Inquiry. I apologise for the delay in providing it.

The Department's submission provides details of the shipping and freight services provided to Tasmania in addition to pertinent information on the operation of the Tasmanian Transport Schemes. We have also included consideration of some options which could be employed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the schemes as well as details of the other infrastructure and regional development initiatives that the Department is facilitating to address Tasmania's transport challenges.

We would be happy to provide any additional information on our submission or related matters.

Yours sincerely

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