

To whom it may concern

Kingborough Council would like to express its interest in being a location that should be considered for the relocation of Australian government agencies to regional areas.

Kingborough is located immediately south of Hobart. The main commercial centre is Kingston and this is only 15 minutes from the centre of Hobart and 40 minutes from the airport. It is an attractive coastal location that has seen the greatest population growth in Tasmania for the last 20 years and this is projected to continue into the future.

The following points are raised in support of this submission:

- Kingston is already the headquarters for the Australian Antarctic Division and other complementary agencies are located nearby – including CSIRO and the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies in Hobart.
- The area would suit a Federal agency that has a fisheries, environmental or resource based focus – with strong local aquaculture and marine based industries located within Kingborough.
- There are a number of existing sites and buildings in Kingston that could (with some readjustments or new development) be suitable for the development of government offices.
- Most people in Kingston travel to Hobart to work and there is a dire need for new employment opportunities at Kingston to reduce road congestion, encourage local investment and support regional economic development.
- A number of large residential subdivisions are currently being developed on the fringe of Kingston and there are excellent educational, sporting, health and recreational services nearby.
- The attractive nature of the area would help in attracting employees – it is the best place to live in Australia!

Kingborough Council would be able to provide more detailed information if you consider this area to be a suitable location for a relocated government agency.

Kind regards,

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