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08 2002 STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT & REG SERVICES - inquiry into Commercial Regional Aviation & Transport Links to Major Populated Islands.

Attention: Mr Tas Luttrell

Dear Sir.

As one of the larger Tourism Operaters I wish to make the following comment on the above inquiry regarding specifically service to King Island.

We have suffered for the past twelve months from the uncertainties of the Kendell administration, and this has continued up to this point with the REX buyout. We have clients wanting to book into the next year and the systems are still not in place. We realize that REX are doing all they can to rectify this, but perhaps some government assistance is needed.

Tourism is an intregal part of our economy and lifestyle of islanders rely heavily on this industry. Given that our only access is by air, the cost of fares is an issue. Currently the State Government is subsidizing the two new ships and because of this we would consider it not unreasonable to have some kind of subsidy or marketing funds made available to us.

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I look forward to discuss this and other transport issues with your committee when they visit King Island.

Yours faithfully

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