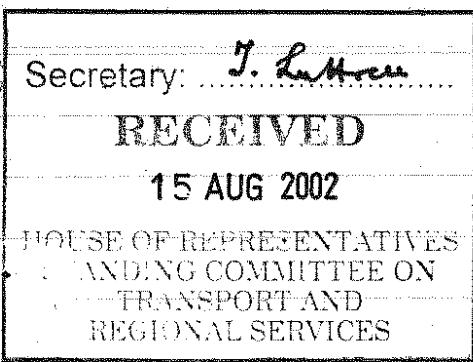


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Committee Secretary

House of Representatives Standing -
Committee on Transport and Regional Services
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir / Madam

Re Inquiry into Major Populated Islands.

I believe the Commercial Air Services to Flinders Island, Tasmania, is very Sub-standard = INADEQUATE.

I have lived on Flinders Island all my life and feel our Air Service has never been as bad as at present.

In the past six months, on nine occasions myself or family have tried to travel only to find there have been no seats available, with a one to three week waiting period.

The availability of seats and the cost of travel is heart-breaking for us as we can not just get in the car and take off when our loved ones are sick or a death has occurred. All our children and grandchildren live off the Island.

We are not always able to plan or book ahead. Please we all deserve better than what we have

Yours Faithfully

Kay Blyth
Mr Blyth