



King Island Council

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SHIPPING SOLUTION

King Island Mayor Duncan McFie expressed his sincere gratitude to Minister Hidding for his tireless work in seeking a shipping solution for King Island. "I hope people will be conscious of how this demonstrates that when you say you are going to do something, you mean it."

Minister Hidding was on King Island this week to announce TasPorts as the future provider of King Island's essential shipping service. Following the collapse of previous solutions, Mayor McFie was delighted to be able to share this good news with the community. "Today, we have a very positive story to tell," said Mayor McFie.

This medium-term service will commence immediately after the final Searoad Mersey sailing on April 2 and will initially offer a minimum weekly service between Grassy on King Island and Devonport on the north-west coast of Tasmania.

Mayor McFie was reassured by Minister Hidding's commitment to the establishment of a triangular service between King Island, Tasmania and Victoria which has been requested by local business people.

Mayor McFie is also looking forward to meeting with representatives of TasPorts this week as Council continues doing what it can to help bring an end to an unwelcome period of uncertainty for King Island.

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