



Instruction to visiting aircraft

Background

As a Permitted Point of Entry for biosecurity purposes, KI Airport requires visiting aircraft from mainland Australia to adhere to its rules regarding the importation of prescribed matter¹. Biosecurity Tasmania's [Plant Biosecurity Manual Tasmania](#) outlines the Import Requirements (IRs) for all prescribed matter – the conditions that must be met before the import is allowed into Tasmania and what evidence needs to be presented to satisfy Biosecurity Tasmania that the treatment, inspection etc. has been completed appropriately.

All prescribed matter to be brought into KI Airport must be notified to Biosecurity Tasmania and, if directed by Biosecurity Tasmania, presented for inspection at the KI Airport Approved Quarantine Place (AQP). No prescribed matter is to be moved landside without the approval of Biosecurity Tasmania. The only exceptions to this are those items notified to Biosecurity Tasmania and transferred for inspection at an AQP at the Food Store, Currie or IGA at Currie.

KI Airport staff will monitor aircraft arriving from interstate with freight and, where practicable, check and confirm that Biosecurity Tasmania has been notified and, if not, to require the freight to be moved to the AQP. The freight is to be held at the AQP until the aircraft operator has contacted Biosecurity Tasmania and Biosecurity Tasmania has approved the freight to leave the AQP.

Process

To facilitate your transit through KI Airport and onto the Island, please note the following:

- Contact King Island's Senior Biosecurity Officer on 0448 905 549 no less than one business day before your anticipated arrival to inform them of the prescribed matter you will be bringing on to the Island. The Senior Biosecurity Officer will be able to confirm the Import Requirements for your cargo and advise whether or not they will need to physically inspect anything before it moves to the landside area of the airport.
- If you are advised that Biosecurity Tasmania need to conduct a physical inspection of your cargo, you will need to arrange a suitable time for that inspection to take place. Contact the King Island Airport on 03 6462 1499 in advance of your arrival to request access to the airport's AQP, which is where Biosecurity Tasmania's inspections will take place.
- The KI Airport AQP provides limited refrigeration for prescribed matter awaiting inspection by Biosecurity Tasmania. Aircraft operators are advised to make their own arrangements for additional refrigeration if required. Potential options can be discussed with KI Airport staff in advance of your arrival at the Airport.

¹ Prescribed matter is defined as any plant, plant product, package, vehicle, agricultural equipment, and soil or disease agent.

- KI Airport's normal operating hours are 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 7am to 11am on Saturdays and 3pm to 6pm on Sundays. Any request to access the AQP outside those hours will incur a call out fee, as detailed in Council's [Fees & Charges](#).

Further information:

Biosecurity Tasmania

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King Island Airport

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