

An International Shipping Service for Tasmania

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A majority Hodgman Liberal Government will take decisive action to ensure the reintroduction of an international shipping service from Tasmania to key Asian ports, by investing up to \$11 million per year over three years (\$33 million total).

Since 2011, Tasmania has been without an international shipping service, and our exporters are now forced to ship goods via Melbourne before they can be trans-shipped internationally.

This has placed significant additional costs on Tasmanian businesses, putting jobs and investment at risk.

In many cases, it's now more expensive to ship from Tasmania to Melbourne than it is to ship from Melbourne to key Asian ports.

It is estimated that the loss of this service is directly costing our exporting industries \$20-\$40 million per year, with a much greater cost to the broader Tasmanian economy.

It is clear that an immediate short term solution needs to be urgently put in place to address this market failure, allowing time for a longer-term solution to be developed.

The re-introduction of this service will be a critical step to getting our economy growing again, and to creating jobs.