

Furneaux Freight

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Furneaux Freight would like to sincerely thank the Flinders Island Community for their overwhelming outgoing support for Furneaux Freight to continue to provide its service to the community.

It is due to this support that Furneaux Freight remain committed to facilitate the safe and sustainable operation of both stevedoring and shipping services to the Flinders Island Community.

Furneaux Freight remains committed to providing a reliable, efficient and cost-effective shipping service to Flinders Island.

Furneaux Freight does not believe fighting a constant battle with regulative organisations to obtain a safe, efficient, hygienic and workable port is the role of a shipping company. For this reason Furneaux Freight will not, in the long term, be offering the stevedoring services at Lady Barron Port. However, in the interim Furneaux Freight will do that is reasonably necessary to facilitate the transfer of the stevedoring services to an appropriate third party.

Furneaux Freight have exhausted every option in trying to achieve a safe workable Port on Flinders Island; including the purchase of land at Lady Barron to construct its own depot – thereby relieving the Lady Barron Port of many of its problems. However, once that site had been purchased and re-zoned to commercial land – the Flinders Council refused reasonable development plans.

The least desirable option for Furneaux Freight was to stop stevedoring services at Lady Barron Port, but with all avenues of support and assistance from the local council and port authority being exhausted it has been left with no viable alternative.

Furneaux Freight has constantly demonstrated its commitment to the Flinders Island Community by aiming to improve its level of service to the Islands without imposing unreasonable cost burdens upon the community. This aim has been constantly stymied by unnecessary increasing wharfage, restriction on bulk fuel cartage, congestion of the Port and the substandard Port Redevelopment. All of these factors have been outside of Furneaux Freight control.

Furneaux Freight are of the opinion that the continuation of the shipping service currently being provided is the most economical and efficient option for the Flinders Island Community after being advised of the contingency plan intended to be adopted if Furneaux Freight cease the current service.

Furneaux Freight will continue to explore every viable option available to rectify ongoing issues at Lady Barron Port.

Finally, Furneaux Freight extends its thanks to Allan Barr of Roberts for the role he has played in assisting communication with all stakeholders.

Furneaux Freight are happy to answer any questions or concerns regarding the recent events from any Island resident or customer by calling Shannon on 0409951818.