

# VESSEL REPLACEMENT TASKFORCE

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Background

The Tasmanian Government is committed to ensuring that Government and Government business purchases and asset acquisitions are sourced or produced within Australia, where possible, to support local and Australian jobs.

The proposed replacement of TT-Line's passenger ferries represents a significant investment by the State, which could provide opportunities for Australian businesses to play a role in the replacement of the vessels.

In order to investigate this opportunity, the Government announced that it would establish a Vessel Replacement Taskforce to investigate options for greater involvement by Australian businesses in the replacement of TT-Line's vessels.

The Tasmanian Government remains committed to replacing the *Spirits of Tasmania* before they approach the end of their optimal lifespan in 2028.

### Purpose

The Taskforce will provide advice to Government on options to replace TT-Line's vessels, which meet the freight and passenger volume projections that are expected in the medium to long term.

The Taskforce will provide advice on the opportunity for Tasmanian and Australian businesses to contribute to the replacement of the vessels.

The Taskforce will seek expert technical advice as required and will engage with relevant businesses or industry representatives as part of its investigations.

### Focus of the Taskforce

The Taskforce will provide advice to Government in relation to:

- Tasmanian sea freight and passenger volume projections that are expected in the medium to long term, taking into account private sector capacity;
- options for vessel replacement, which meet these projections;
- the capability and capacity of the Australian ship building industry to contribute to the replacement of TT-Line's vessels;
- the estimated costs and economic contribution of the options;
- implications of the potential options for TT-Line's existing business model; and
- the risks of the potential options.

## **Governance and work plan**

The Taskforce will provide a report to Cabinet through the TT-Line Ships Replacement Committee of Cabinet over the next three to six months. The Ships Replacement Committee will oversee the work and provide direction as required.

Specific timeframes will be determined once the Taskforce has had the opportunity to engage with relevant expert technical advisers.

The format, structure and timing of Taskforce meetings will be determined by the Chair and considered at the first meeting.

## **Membership**

The Taskforce will be comprised of the following members:

Mr Tony Ferrall (Chair)	Secretary, Department of Treasury and Finance
Mr Kim Evans	Secretary, Department of State Growth
Mr Craig Limkin	Deputy Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Bernard Dwyer	Chief Executive Officer, TT-Line
Mr Sacha De Re	Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance
Rear Admiral (Rtd) Steve Gilmore AM	Tasmanian Defence Advocate

## **Secretariat**

Dedicated resources will be established in the Department of Treasury and Finance, to provide Secretariat support for the Taskforce. The Secretariat will draw on resources from across Government as required.

The Secretariat will be responsible for administrative support, the drafting of agendas and meeting papers, and undertaking research. Secretariat staff will liaise at officer level with TT-Line, consultants engaged by the Taskforce, and other organisations as required. The Secretariat will prepare papers, including recommendations, for the consideration of the Taskforce.