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## Community Bulletin

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# Temporary changes to Cocos ferry services

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**Topic:** CKI ferry services from 26-30 October 2022

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The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts advises the community and visitors on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands of upcoming short-term changes to the ferry service to allow necessary repairs to take place.

The Cahaya Baru will be out of service from 26 to 30 October 2022 while urgent work is conducted, to keep the ferry reliable and able to service the community.

These works have been scheduled to minimise community impacts as far as possible.

During this period, the attached ferry timetable will run, using the back-up ferry, the RJ Hawke. The RJ Hawke has a reduced capacity of 15 passengers compared to the 94-passenger capacity of the Cahaya Baru. This will have substantial impacts on the ferry services between the islands and we ask for your patience for a few days while these critical works are undertaken.

Unfortunately, during this period there will be no ferry service to Direction Island on Thursday, 27 October and Saturday, 29 October. Furthermore, there will be no late-night services on Wednesday, 26 October and Friday, 28 October.

During this short period, it is recommended that movements between the islands for non-essential travel are limited.

At this stage, it is anticipated the Cahaya Baru will be back in service on Monday 31 October.

The Department, through its ferry service contract with the Cocos Islands Cooperative Society and port management contract with Linx Stevedoring, will monitor the patronage of the ferry services during this short disruption. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Kim Forbes, Assistant Secretary, Indian Ocean Territories Branch**