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Revised temporary changes to Cocos ferry services

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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 that the scheduled repairs to the Cahaya Baru will now occur from 29 October.

This will mean short-term changes to the ferry services and timetable to allow these necessary repairs to be completed will now be in place from 29 October to 4 November.

The initial schedule for the repairs was pushed back due to the delayed arrival of necessary parts and technicians to support the repairs.

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 and no late-night services.

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 5 November.

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