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Christmas Island freight handling latest

Resolution of the current situation affecting freight handling on Christmas Island remains my high priority and I continue to work closely with Altitude Island Logistics, the Department and key agencies on solutions.

I am advised Altitude has secured a temporary location for its operations which is in the process of being made ready by relevant contractors. Once these works are completed and assessed, freight services will recommence once accreditation is approved.

Following the recent engineering assessment of the Gaze Rd warehouse which identified very serious structural and safety issues requiring vacation of the property by tenants, JLL, the Department's property managers and structural engineers have now developed a safe access plan for the building.

This means that the warehouse can now be safely accessed under supervision as required by former tenants, facilitating retrieval of their property. I continue to work closely with the tenants to ensure they are being supported through this process.

The Department is also meeting with Altitude on Island to understand its longer-term considerations for a freight handling base.

A reminder that incoming freight and mail are **NOT** affected by this disruption to the location of commercial freight operations. We continue to support outgoing transport of critical items as necessary.

I understand the ongoing concerns of the community about the disruptions to outgoing freight and mail and again thank you all for your continuing patience.

You will be kept informed as issues are resolved.

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