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Essential outbound air freight from CI to recommence

I am pleased to confirm to the Christmas Island community that essential outgoing air freight will recommence from this Monday, 14 July.

I would like to thank you for your patience during this period of uncertainty while we worked to resolve these matters and I acknowledge the concerns from Christmas Islanders about disruptions to air freight.

Altitude Island Logistics has advised that transportation of air mail, pharmaceutical supplies, medical samples and water samples will resume on 14 July. Altitude will soon provide further detail on handling arrangements.

Over the past weeks, the Australian Government has been working with Altitude to find a solution to local freight handling including alternative locations. We know the community will welcome the reinstatement of these outbound air freight services.

Incoming freight and mail are not affected.

I assure the community that the Australian Government is continuing to work with Altitude and our service delivery partners on longer term solutions for freight handling on Christmas Island.

The Department held a meeting earlier this week on island with Altitude to better understand its longer-term needs for a freight handling base.

In addition, I would like to remind residents that supervised safe access to the Gaze Road warehouse is still being facilitated, and tenants can request access to the warehouse for the retrieval of their property as needed.

Further updates will be provided on a regular basis to keep the community updated.

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