

Administrator of Christmas Island Administrator of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands



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## **Christmas Island freight handling update**

I am pleased to inform the community that the transportation of essential outgoing air freight off Christmas Island is progressing smoothly.

Over the past week, since the resumption of these critical services, more than 450kg of air mail, pharmaceutical supplies and medical and water samples have been moved off island. I am informed there is currently no backlog of outgoing air mail from Christmas Island.

The Australian Government is continuing to work with Altitude Island Logistics and our service delivery partners on the pathway forward.

I am pleased that we have been able to work together to support the resumption of these essential air freight services for the community.

Incoming freight and mail remain unaffected.

Tenants remain able to gain access to the Gaze Rd warehouse under supervision, as part of the safe access plan put in place to support them on an as-needed basis. I am continuing to support the tenants through this process.

To further protect the community and tenants, additional safety measures are also being put in place at the warehouse, including mesh barriers and fencing outside to restrict access to high risk areas and structural props inside.

I appreciate that this has been a difficult time and I thank you all for your continuing patience as we work on a long-term solution to local air freight handling services from Christmas Island. I will continue to keep you informed through this process.

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