

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



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## **Update on Christmas Island freight handling**

I understand and acknowledge the strong community concerns about reliable freight services for our island and I am working closely with Altitude Island Logistics, the Department and the Shire of Christmas Island to secure an alternative temporary location for local freight handling.

It is important to note that incoming freight is NOT affected by this disruption to the location of commercial freight operations. Freight recipients will receive notification from Altitude Island Logistics for mandatory collection of their incoming freight immediately on arrival.

We are also working together to support outgoing transport of critical items such as medical supplies and environmental samples.

The safety of tenants, workers and the community is the Government's highest priority. A recent engineering assessment of the Gaze Rd warehouse, supported by expert advice received last week, identified very serious structural and safety issues that present serious safety risks to the current tenants, other users, and visitors.

The Department and its property manager are finalising plans for tenants to have supervised access to the Gaze Road site to retrieve their property and assets.

An update on the freight handling arrangements going forward will be provided as soon as possible, to keep the community informed on these critical services.

Further information on management and future options for the Gaze Road site will be shared with all tenants in due course by the Department.

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