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Shane King MP
Member for Kurwongbah.

Dear Sir,

KESWICK ISLAND

It is pleasing to be advised that the Transport and Resources Committee is finally inquiring into the mismanagement of Keswick Island and other islands off the Queensland coast. From personal experience, some points that need prompt attention are:

- **ACCESS TO KESWICK ISLAND MUST IMPROVE IMMEDIATELY.** Construction of a pontoon/jetty in the immediate future would greatly assist with the construction of the proposed Marina. Access to Keswick Island has always been a deterrent. Public passenger access by rubber dinghy is not only a safety hazard, but totally inappropriate for anyone, including seniors and/or people with a disability. Flights by light plane are too expensive to be economical.
- Keswick Island Ferry MUST be available to run on Public Holidays. This will substantially increase opportunities for tourism operators, tourism businesses, investors, sublessees and associated regional communities. Presently the "Keswick Explorer" operates on an irregular timetable Monday & Friday.
- Horizon Airways charters are difficult to coordinate with return flights, are uncomfortable, small and way too expensive for a family of 3 @ \$600 return.
- Barge services are disrupted continually with breakdowns, repairs, etc. This places huge constraints on development.
- **COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ISLAND MANAGEMENT AND SUB LESSEES SHOULD BE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT.** Lack of communication between management and sublessees has led to a lot of dissatisfaction from both sides. A monthly newsletter is all that is needed to solve this problem.

Regards,
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