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Mayor Carol Cox
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Dear Mayor Cox

The Tasmanian Government announced last year that it had contracted Telstra Corporation Ltd for a period of four years to deliver free Wi-Fi at over 150 hotspots in 47 locations around Tasmania.

In January this year the Department of State Growth wrote to you to advise that, as a result of our consultations with Tasmania's Regional Tourism Organisations, both the IGA supermarket in Whitemark and the Flinders Island Airport had been identified as potential free Wi-Fi hotspots subject to confirmation of technical feasibility by Telstra.

I can now advise that following the Australian Government's decision not to grant National Stronger Regions Programme funding for the upgrade of the Flinders Island telecommunications, Telstra has advised there will be no Ethernet/ADSL services available on the island for the foreseeable future. It is with great disappointment that I write to confirm that given that the existing infrastructure cannot support a viable Wi-Fi service, this means the two free Wi-Fi hotspots proposed for Flinders Island will unfortunately not proceed.

Please contact Mariah Vicieli by email at Mariah.Vicieli@stategrowth.tas.gov.au or telephone on 6165 5523 for more information.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Ms Sophie Pitchford, Acting General Manager, Flinders Council

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