



Bass Island Line

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## Supporting drought-stricken farmers



*John Duigan* loaded up with donated hay.

Bass Island Line (BIL) has jumped on board to supporting our local farmers, who are pitching in to assist other Australian farmers around the country during this difficult drought.

*John Duigan* had been loaded up with donated hay bales and is currently on route to Geelong.

BIL's decision, to ship hay free of charge, came after a conversation between Rhys Cropper (BIL), Robbie Edwards of *Cowbiz Stockfeed* and Latrobe farmer Michael Perkins after learning that the biggest obstacle being faced was the cost of shipping the hay across Bass Strait.



Loading at the Devonport RORO ramp.

TasPorts and GeelongPort have also waived all wharfage charges for the special cargo.

The generous farmers of Tasmania have donated almost 450 tonnes of hay to the hay bale drive across northern Tasmania.

This donation is now on its way over the Bass Strait on route to drought stricken farmers in southern and central western New South Wales.

Tasmanians have, as always, proven very generous with transport and logistics providers also donating their services to move the shipment from the farms to the ports. Bass Island Line are proud to be a part of this effort.



Loaded up and bound for Geelong

Bass Island Line's Rhys Cropper said, "Bass Island Line was happy and willing to support this initiative."

"When we heard of the amazing effort and the need for support in shipping the hay bales across Bass Strait, we were happy to offer to ship the cargo at no charge."

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