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Mr Rene Hidding
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Dear Rene,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I see that you believe that Bruny Island is experiencing 'unusual' demand for ferry services.

I can assure you that this is not the case. Bruny is one of Tasmania's major regional tourism success stories, and there is absolutely no reason to believe that current demand is unusual, or that it will not continue to grow. After all this most beautiful of islands is a great place to live, and has passionate tourism operators and a world class tourism product.

I would like to invite you to come down to Bruny with me. I would love to show you around one of my old stomping grounds. We could do some boating or kayaking, sample some fantastic cheese or some oysters, stroll through some rainforest or on a deserted beach, and maybe do a bit of bodysurfing at Cloudy Bay if the swell is up (there's a great rip that I know of which means that we won't have to swim back out after a wave). It would be great!

When the previous government supported the purchase of the MV Bowen, it presented a great opportunity for Bruny. Ideally you would now get on board (so to speak) and deliver more sailings for the benefit of visitors and locals alike.

I know you'd be great company Rene, and I genuinely hope you can accept this invitation to spend some time with me on Bruny. We could have a great day together which I hope could make you realise that demand for ferry services is likely to continue to grow into the future.

Warm regards,

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