

TRADE REPORT FY2026

1 JULY 2025 - 30 JUNE 2026



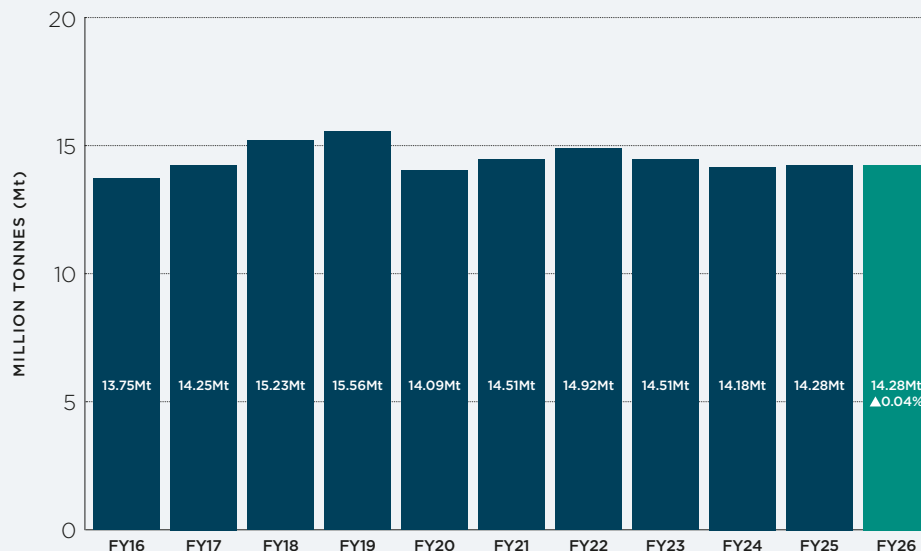
TasPorts' trade performance demonstrated resilience in 2025-26 (FY26) against a challenging operating environment, characterised by subdued economic growth, persistent domestic cost and financing pressures, geopolitical fragmentation and heightened uncertainty across global trade and supply chains.

Total freight volume remained broadly stable at 14.28 million tonnes, while container numbers increased by 3.7 per cent. Viewed collectively, these results reflect adaptation rather than broad-based growth, with gains in forestry, fertiliser and containerised cargo offsetting weaker volumes for commodities like industrial freight. The results also highlight the capacity of Tasmania's freight and logistics system to respond to a changing cargo mix, and the importance of flexible and efficient links between the state's port, road and rail networks to successfully enable trade.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Total freight steady at **14.28** million tonnes.
- Container activity up **3.7%** to **635,542** TEU.
- Forestry volumes up **7.3%**, lifting share to **26.2%**.
- Fertiliser throughput increased to **352,121** tonnes.
- Industrial freight down **15.1%**, with share falling to **19.5%**.
- Port of Burnie tonnage up **4.4%**, increasing statewide share to **35.3%**.

TOTAL FREIGHT VOLUMES 2016 - 2026





CONTAINERISED PERFORMANCE

Containerised freight continued to grow its share of the total freight task.

Looking at total throughput, the number of TEUs increased by 3.7 per cent in FY26 to 635,542 TEU, compared to 2024-25 (FY25). By weight, containerised freight increased by two per cent (approximately 116,000 tonnes), to 5.95 million tonnes. This represented 41.6 per cent of total tonnage, up from 40.8 per cent in FY25.

Total container trade remained well balanced between imports and exports, with general cargo and empty containers continuing to account for the majority of TEU movements.

IMPORT TEU HIGHLIGHTS

- ▲4.6% to 323,161
- 50.8% of total TEU

General cargo and empty containers accounted for almost 80% of import TEU. This helped offset declines in food, timber and grains.

Top 3 by percentage

- Beverages ▲33.1% (14,108)
- Fertiliser ▲10.4% (3,406)
- Machinery ▲8.1% (2,006)

EXPORT TEU HIGHLIGHTS

- ▲2.7% (312,381)
- 49.2% of total TEU

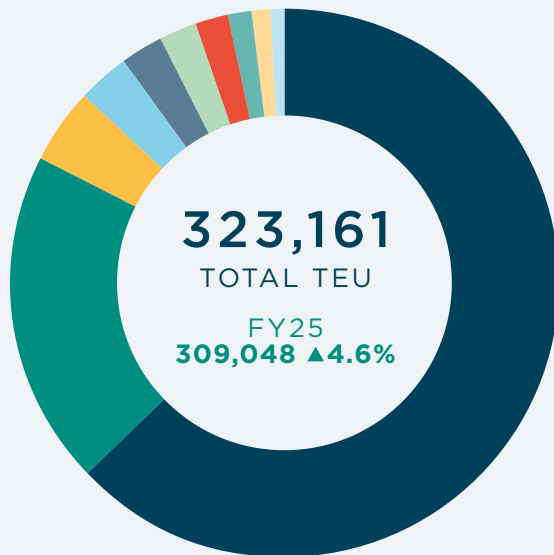
Export growth was supported by a relatively narrow group of growing commodities, helping offset declines in dairy, timber, zinc and paper products.

Top 3 by percentage

- Fruit ▲104.0% (6,455)
- General cargo ▲17.9% (74,067)
- Aluminium ▲12.1% (5,679)

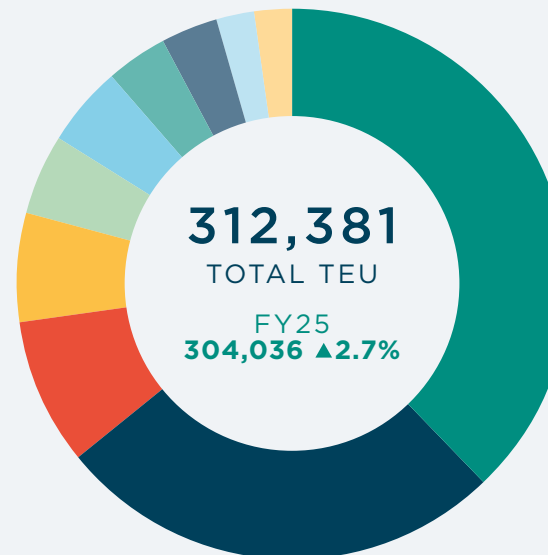
TOP 10 TEU BY COMMODITY (FY26)

IMPORT



General Cargo	195,404
Empty TEU	60,705
Beverages	14,108
Timber Products	8,785
Grains - Other	8,053
Hazardous	7,340
Foods - Other	5,976
Metals - Other	4,151
Fertiliser	3,406
Machinery	2,006

EXPORT



Empty TEU	106,126
General Cargo	74,067
Foods - Other	23,864
Vegetables	18,072
Dairy Products	13,453
Timber Products	13,329
Paper Products	10,173
Zinc	8,902
Fruit	6,455
Aluminium	5,679



COMMODITY PERFORMANCE

The stable overall freight result for FY26 includes approximately **528,000 tonnes of combined growth**.

Forestry, fertiliser, containerised freight and fuel each help offset declines in other commodities, such as industrial freight.

HIGHLIGHTS



Forestry largest contributor to tonnage growth

Forestry increased by 7.3% (255,000 tonnes) to 3.74 million tonnes, while its share of volume rose from 24.4% to 26.2%.

Forestry exports included:

- 3.1 million tonnes of woodchips
- 600,000 tonnes of logs.



Industrial freight continued to decline

Industrial freight recorded the largest decline of all commodities, falling by 15.1% (494,000 tonnes) to 2.78 million tonnes. The statewide share of tonnage fell from 22.9% to 19.5%, marking the most consequential change in the statewide freight mix. This decline is reflective of broader market challenges impacting the industrial sector in Tasmania.



Fertiliser sets strongest sector increase

Total fertiliser tonnage increased by 56%, from 225,700 to 352,100 tonnes. This represented an additional 126,400 tonnes, elevating fertiliser to 2.5% of overall freight tonnage.

This growth was consistent with broader demand in southern Australia, linked to favourable rainfall and increased winter planting.

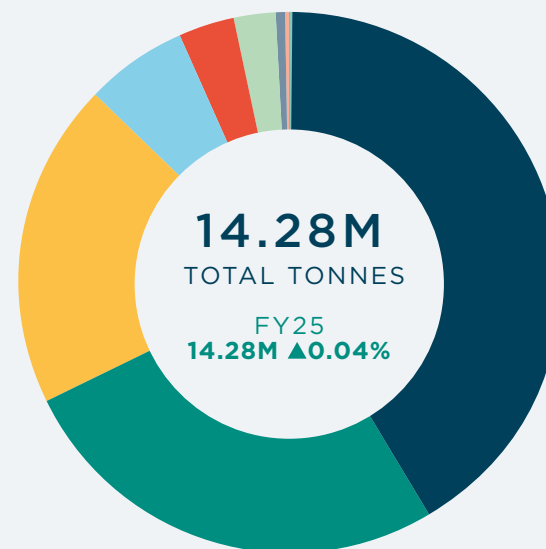


Fuel records steady expansion

Fuel volumes rose 3.6% (30,900 tonnes) to 886,176. This accounted for 6.2% of total tonnage.

This modest positive increase helped with overall throughput.

TOTAL TONNAGE BY SECTOR (FY26 VS FY25)



	FY26	FY25
Containerised	5,945,374t	5,829,341t
Forestry	3,743,466t	3,488,384t
Industrial	2,779,431t	3,273,444t
Fuel	886,176t	855,312t
Mining	478,795t	491,228t
Fertiliser	352,121t	225,697t
Other	85,972t	79,631t
Antarctic	6,393t	4,469t
Aquaculture	5,145t	30,298t



CRUISE PERFORMANCE

TasPorts facilitated 97 cruise ship calls across the latest cruise season, which ran from 21 October 2025 to 26 April 2026, with Tasmania continuing to attract strong visitation from long term and committed cruise brands during FY26.

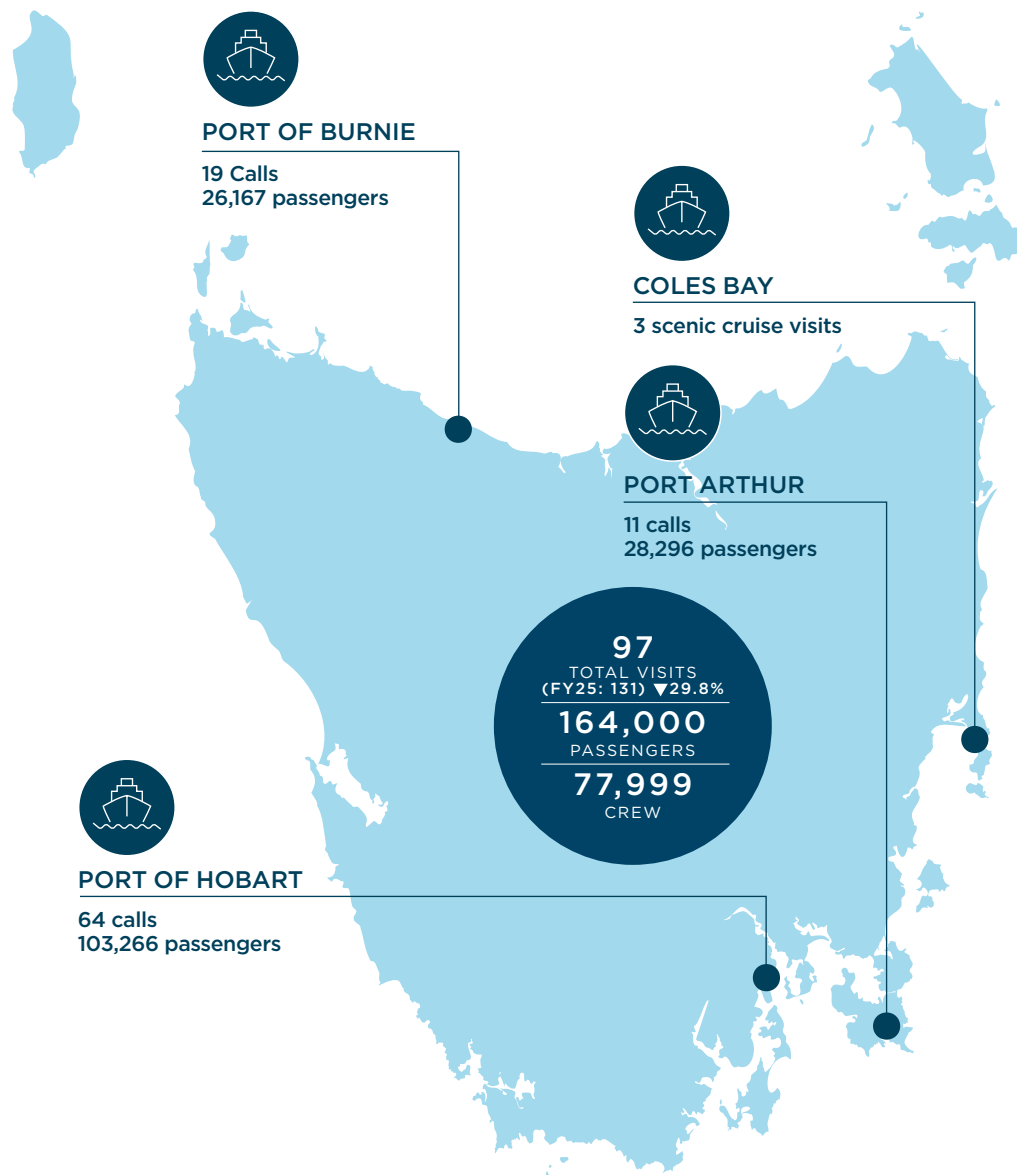
Australia's cruise sector continued to face challenges during FY26, with rising operating costs, declining commercial returns and an uncertain regulatory environment influencing cruise line deployment decisions. The scheduled expiry of the current Coastal Trading Act cruise exemption in December 2026 is adding further uncertainty for the industry. During FY26, Australia saw the final scheduled deployment of Disney Cruise Line following three successful seasons in the region. This, combined with previous withdrawals by several other major cruise lines and reduced local deployment by others, has contributed to lower homeported capacity and fewer cruise calls across the region.

These national trends were reflected in Tasmania's cruise season, although the state continued to attract strong visitation from long-term and committed cruise brands. TasPorts facilitated 97 cruise ship calls, welcoming 164,021 passengers and more than 77,000 crew across the state's ports during FY26. While 11 scheduled visits were cancelled

due to weather or mechanical issues, the overall softening in cruise calls was largely driven by those broader market conditions outside Tasmania's control.

Cruise tourism continues to play an important role in Tasmania's visitor economy, contributing around \$140 million annually and supporting local businesses, tourism operators and regional employment.

Despite current market conditions, the long-term outlook for the global cruise industry remains positive. Strong global demand continues to support significant investment in new vessels, with close to 80 ships currently on order, representing tens of billions of dollars in future fleet investment. With its strong destination appeal, diverse experiences and established cruise capability, Tasmania is well positioned to benefit from future growth as national challenges are addressed and Australia works to strengthen its competitiveness as an international cruise destination.





PORT PERFORMANCE



Antarctic



Forestry



Fuels



General
Cargo



Industrial
Bulk



Minerals



Passengers

Our port network experienced a modest redistribution of activity during the year, welcoming 2,514 vessels compared to 2,510 in FY25.

Burnie increased its share of statewide tonnage, while Bell Bay and Hobart volumes softened due to the decline in industrial freight. In container terms, Devonport remained dominant, with Bell Bay making the strongest relative gain.

PORT OF BELL BAY

KEY COMMODITIES:    

VESSEL VISITS: 261 (FY25 256)

TOTAL TONNAGE: 3,411,022t
BY IMPORT: 871,387t
BY EXPORT: 2,539,635t
FY25: 3,558,641t ▼4.1%

TOTAL TEU: 39,261
BY IMPORT: 20,022
BY EXPORT: 19,239
FY25: 34,394 ▲14.1%

PORT OF BURNIE

KEY COMMODITIES:    

VESSEL VISITS: 437 (FY25 439)

TOTAL TONNAGE: 5,041,946t
BY IMPORT: 1,490,581t
BY EXPORT: 3,551,365t
FY25: 4,828,613t ▲4.4%

TOTAL TEU: 273,679
BY IMPORT: 140,669
BY EXPORT: 133,010
FY25: 265,371 ▲3.1%

PORT OF DEVONPORT

KEY COMMODITIES:    

VESSEL VISITS: 944 (FY25 938)

TOTAL TONNAGE: 3,986,699t
BY IMPORT: 1,735,538t
BY EXPORT: 2,251,161t
FY25: 4,000,991t ▼0.4%

TOTAL TEU: 308,758
BY IMPORT: 155,536
BY EXPORT: 153,222
FY25: 299,599 ▲3.1%

FLINDERS ISLAND

KEY COMMODITIES:  

VESSEL VISITS: 203 (FY25 190)

TOTAL TONNAGE: 38,783t
BY IMPORT: 23,568t
BY EXPORT: 15,214t
FY25: 42,944t ▼9.7%

TOTAL TEU: 664
BY IMPORT: 367
BY EXPORT: 296
FY25: 724 ▼8.3%

PORT OF HOBART

KEY COMMODITIES:    

VESSEL VISITS: 392 (FY25 384)

TOTAL TONNAGE: 1,702,035t
BY IMPORT: 1,016,628t
BY EXPORT: 685,407t
FY25: 1,746,079t ▼2.5%

TOTAL TEU: 2,808
BY IMPORT: 1,364
BY EXPORT: 1,444
FY25: 3,035 ▼7.5%

PORT OF STANLEY

KEY COMMODITIES: 

VESSEL VISITS: 66 (FY25 56)

TOTAL TONNAGE: 21,193t
BY IMPORT: 14,107t
BY EXPORT: 7,086t
FY25: 17,015t ▲24.6%

TOTAL TEU: 2,432
BY IMPORT: 1,188
BY EXPORT: 1,244
FY25: 2,006 ▲21.2%

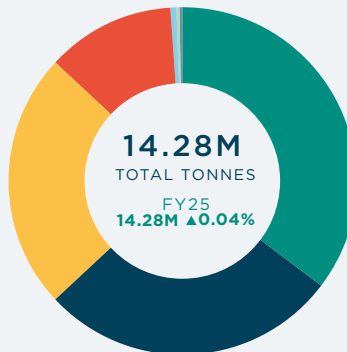
KING ISLAND

KEY COMMODITIES:  

VESSEL VISITS: 152 (FY25 156)

TOTAL TONNAGE: 81,194t
BY IMPORT: 41,906t
BY EXPORT: 39,288t
FY25: 83,520t ▼2.8%

TOTAL TEU: 7,941
BY IMPORT: 4,015
BY EXPORT: 3,926
FY25: 7,955t ▼0.2%

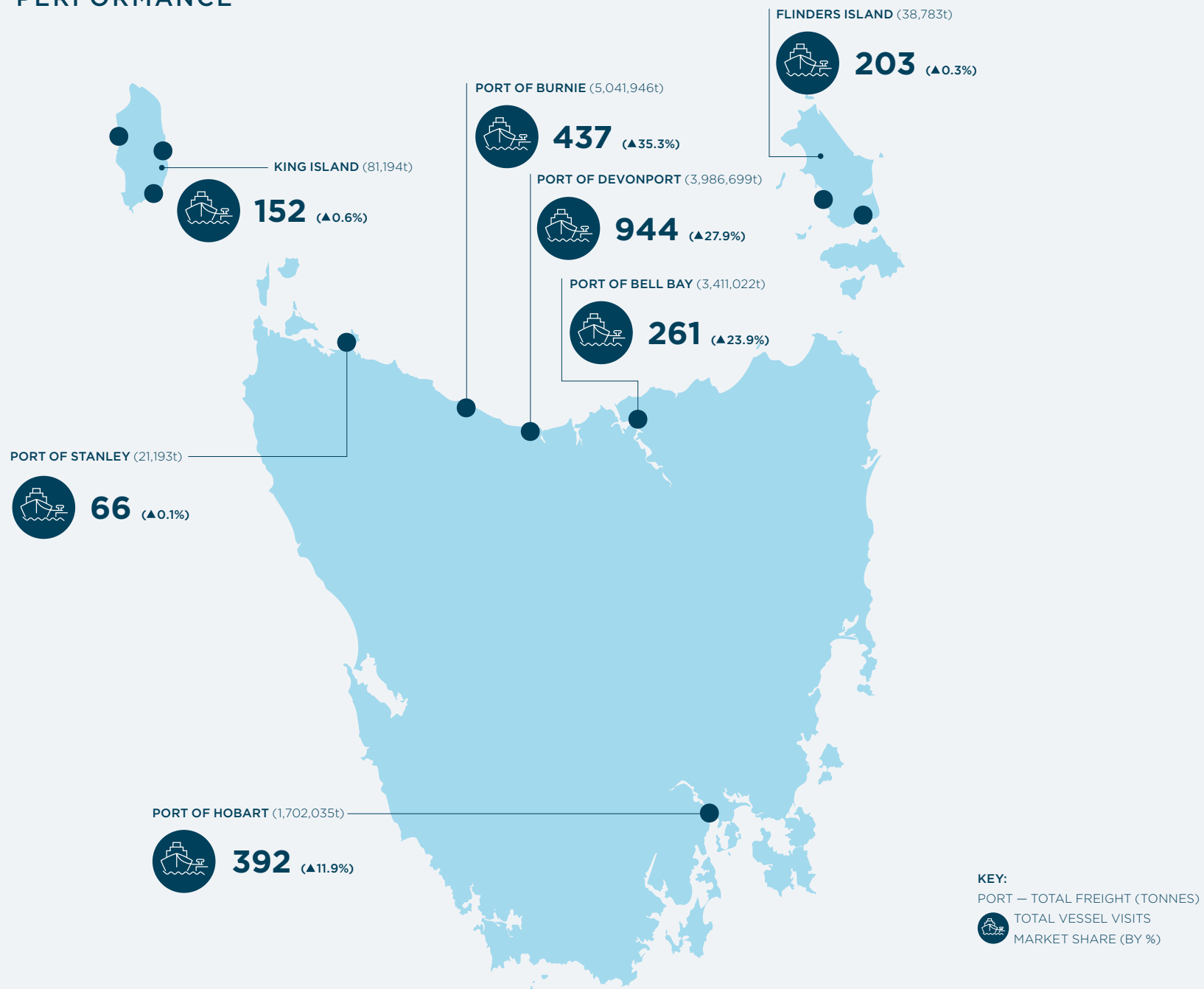


TOTAL TONNAGE BY PORT FY26 VS FY25

	FY26	MARKET SHARE	FY25	MARKET SHARE
Port of Burnie	5,041,946t	35.3%	4,828,613t	33.8%
Port of Devonport	3,986,699t	27.9%	4,000,991t	28.0%
Port of Bell Bay	3,411,022t	23.9%	3,558,641t	24.9%
Port of Hobart	1,702,035t	11.9%	1,746,079t	12.2%
King Island	81,194t	0.6%	83,520t	0.6%
Flinders Island	38,783t	0.3%	42,944t	0.3%
Port of Stanley	21,193t	0.1%	17,015t	0.1%



PORT PERFORMANCE





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