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TALKS WITH TASMANIAN PREMIER

The Premier of Tasmania, Mr. Bethune, today discussed with the Prime Minister proposals for port development on King Island, and the best method of maintaining adequate shipping services to King Island.

It was agreed that further study should be made by the two Governments into the Premier's proposals.

The Premier also presented facts on the difficulties facing the State as a result of frost damage in the Huon Valley, and the Prime Minister agreed to pass the facts presented to the Treasury for analysis.

The talks between Mr. Gorton and Mr. Bethune were held in the Prime Minister's Office in Canberra this morning.



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