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## **Built for the High Seas**

When Toll Edwards needed 8 custom built multi temperature vans that would withstand sea spray exposure and harsh shipping conditions on Bass Strait they sought the expertise of Peki. With the vans expected to spend up to 90% of their working life on the Toll ship or the wharf, Peki engineers incorporated a galvanised undercarriage and strengthened body structure to withstand the effects of salt water and structural stresses imposed by rough seas and the daily manoeuvring around the wharfs.

With its head office in Port Melbourne, Toll Edwards, a division of the Toll Group, operates in Tasmania and along the eastern seaboard of mainland Australia, transporting refrigerated goods across the Bass Strait 365 days of the year. Toll Edwards' Equipment Manager, Maarten van der Vorst, wanted temperature controlled vans that didn't need to be refurbished half way through the equipment life.

"We chose Peki to build these units as there were so many variations to the standard specification and we knew they could handle building 8 units in a short time frame. Their attention to detail was another deciding factor- they are a smaller operator but backed up by a large trailer manufacturer. It was important for me to get the specification right the first time. I don't want to modify and strengthen them after a few years and I expect the Peki vans to last beyond 10 years," Maarten said.

"I enjoyed the process of working in partnership with Peki, particularly in terms of the design of the trailers. Peki's National Sales Manager, Michael Jenkins, dedicated substantial time to understand our requirements, as did their team, and promptly answered my questions, giving me confidence in their capabilities."

Maarten applauds the expertise of Peki staff who worked continuously with him to ensure that the vans met Toll Edwards' operational requirements.

"People on the floor in production who build a great product, engineering who accommodated the numerous changes to the design, Wayne Jones, the pivotal person who always seemed to highlight areas of concern that we missed and Michael Jenkins, never failing to provide an answer or solution within a day or two, all made our first Peki experience a positive one."

Toll Edwards has ordered another 2 vans for Bass Strait transportation from Peki.

"It's great to have new equipment working hard across Bass Strait with the comfort that it will do so for many years to come."

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**Two of the custom built Peki vans for Toll Edwards Bass Strait run.**

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