

LEX LOCI'S TRAVELS

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Lex Walks from Victoria to Tasmania

It's a journey which involves no scuba gear, no return to the ice-age, and no Biblical miracle. You can indeed walk from one State to the other on dry land.

To clarify - not from the mainland of Victoria to the main body of Tasmania, but from part of Victoria to part of Tasmania nonetheless.

Boundary Islet is about 85 metres wide from west to east and about 160 metres long from north to south. The state border runs right across the middle of it. It's part of the Hogan Group of islands, which extend some 30 or 40 miles south of Wilson's Promontory.

To make the journey, you would first have to land in the islet - where there's no jetty, or mooring, nor even a beach - so Lex isn't actually envisaging a lot of traffic in his footsteps.

The State boundary is the parallel of latitude 39° 12' south. It was prescribed in 1825, at a time when Bass Strait had not been accurately mapped, and Tasmania was still called Van Diemen's Land.

Anyway, if Lex gets to be President, he's going to build a great wall along this border, and make the Tasmanians pay for it.



According to a 2011 publication by the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE), Boundary Islet's only inhabitants are New Zealand fur seals (*Arctocephalus forsteri*) and Crested terns (*Sterna bergii*).



**See you there!
Lex Loci**

Sources: DPIPWE - *Hogan Group Biodiversity & Oil Spill Response Survey* - May 2011
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