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The Hon Rene Hidding MP
Minister for Infrastructure
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Dear Minister

I write in relation to progressing River Derwent transportation and to thank you for your participation in the forum held at the Town Hall in July 2017.

The Council is aware that the Tasmanian Government is considering its options with regard to River Derwent ferry services and I note that we have met on two previous occasions to discuss this matter.

As a result of hosting the forum the Council, at its meeting of 2 October 2017, resolved to seek a commitment in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding from the Tasmanian Government and neighbouring councils (Brighton Council, Clarence City Council, Glenorchy City Council and Kingborough Council) to jointly undertake a business case for proceeding with the most promising options for a River Derwent ferry service.

The business case is to provide stakeholders and the wider community with relevant information so as to assess whether they consider the project represents a good and appropriate use of public funds.

I have also written to the Mayor of Brighton Council, the Mayor of Clarence City Council, the Commissioner of Glenorchy City Council and the Mayor of Kingborough Council seeking commitment to the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding and support for a study to examine the potential for development around a number of ferry centric nodes.

The Council has committed to contribute up to \$20,000 for a potential:

1. Joint study on existing docking facilities and the development of ferry centric nodes; and
2. Joint business case for a River Derwent ferry service.

Furthermore, the Council also resolved to request the Tasmanian Government to progress its Southern Integrated Transport Plan 2010 particularly in areas of multi-modal integrated ticketing, real time transport data and connected transport routes.

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The Council decision and forum seem to me to be a good opportunity for the State Government to have a meaningful partnership with metropolitan councils on an issue that is of interest to the community.

If you believe it would be helpful I am happy to meet with you at your earliest convenience

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Alderman Sue Hickey
LORD MAYOR

Thursday 2 November 2017

Enclosed: Derwent Ferry Forum – SGS Economics & Planning – 26 July 2017