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Dear «Salutation»

Thank you for your interest in the recent Derwent Ferry Forum.

The facilitator of the forum, SGS Economics & Planning, in its report to Council, noted the following:

- That the case for ferries significantly addressing congestion was not convincingly made on the day.
- That there was support for ferries as an addition to the character and amenity of Greater Hobart.
- A well-designed, modern and efficient service may be less costly than past reports suggested.
- Commuter ferries and tourist ferries may be complementary, but not the same.
- For ferries to work it would take more than a suitable well designed docking location with bus connections. Developing attractions, denser development and connections to walking/cycling and other links are suggested to reinforce and support a series of ferry-centric nodes along the river.
- A need for integration with Metro bus services.

As a result of the forum, at its meeting on 2 October 2017, the Council resolved to seek a commitment from the Brighton Council, Clarence City Council, Glenorchy City Council and Kingborough Council respectively, to resource a joint study and a joint business case to test the viability of a River Derwent ferry service.

The Council will also request the aforementioned Councils and the Tasmanian Government to enter into a memorandum of understanding.

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The purpose of the study will be to examine the potential for development around a number of ferry centric nodes in a way that provides density (demand), attractions (visitors), amenity (cafes and other services) and possible links to transport, walks, etc. with each having a unique and locally appropriate character.

A joint business case will 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.

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

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

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

Once again I wish to thank you for interest and should you wish to discuss this matter further I encourage you to contact the Group Manager Executive and Economic Development, Mr Tim Short, on telephone 6238 2940.

Yours sincerely

Alderman Sue Hickey
LORD MAYOR

Thursday 2 November 2017

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