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Dear Lord Mayor Hickey

RE: DERWENT FERRIES

Thank you for your letter outlining a course of action arising from the Derwent ferry forum hosted by Hobart City Council.

I commend the Hobart City Council for taking the initiative and demonstrating to the State Government that there is interest from both local government and private enterprise to support the development of a ferry transport system.

However, it is the Clarence City Council's view that it would be more appropriate for the State Government to undertake and fund the development of a strategy and associated recommended infrastructure to enable a regular ferry transport system on the Derwent River.

The Council has come to this opinion based on the following:

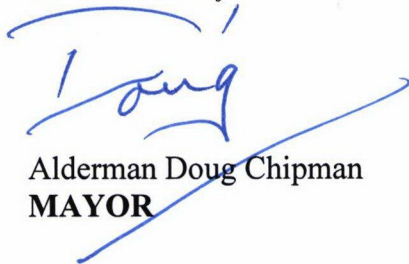
- The need for a multi-jurisdictional approach in the development and implementation of such an integrated transport system;
- The SGS Planning and Economics report identifying the need to integrate Metro services (a State Government GBE); and
- The State Government (Crown) would most likely be considered the "land owner" or in this case the "water owner" in the development of any infrastructure and its lease and/or connection to land.

Our view is that the five councils should, as one voice, lobby the State Government to undertake and fund the required works.

The development of a ferry transport system could potentially be progressed as part of the proposed Hobart city deal with the Federal Government, or perhaps local government could seek a bipartisan election commitment from both major political parties prior to the proposed March state elections.

As a next step I would suggest that the General Managers and appropriate staff of the five Councils meet to determine an agreed pathway forward. I look forward to hearing your views on this proposed approach.

Yours sincerely

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Alderman Doug Chipman
MAYOR