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Item: 162 **MM - Lower Portland Ferry - (79351, 79353)**

REPORT:

Earlier today I was formally advised by the Hon. Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Roads, Leader of the House of an offer of a recurrent funding contribution, to The Hills Shire Council and Hawkesbury City Council, of up to \$500,000 per annum to assist in continuing the operation of the Lower Portland Ferry for the next four years. A copy of the Ministers letter is attached.

I am pleased that the NSW Government has recognised its role in contributing meaningfully to our local communities to ensure transport linkages and social connections are maintained and is a direct result of advocacy by both Councils and their communities and the Member for Hawkesbury, Ms Robyn Preston.

Whilst both Councils will still be required to meet the remaining costs of operating the service as well as necessary capital investments, the funding offer gives an opportunity to develop a plan for the future ongoing operation of the ferry.

Council will, later in tonight's meeting consider a report on the tender for the out of water survey and overhaul of the ferry vessel and the funding offer will further inform Councils consideration of that matter, along with deliberations by The Hills shire Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council note the offer of recurrent funding contribution by the NSW Government, for the operation of the Lower Portland Ferry
2. The Minister for Transport and Roads, Leader of the House the Hon. Andrew Constance MP be thanked for the offer of funding
3. A further report be prepared and submitted for Councils consideration following consideration of the matter by The Hills Shire Council and formalisation of a funding agreement with Transport for NSW.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT - 1 Correspondence from the Hon. Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Roads

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The Hon. Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Roads
Leader of the House

Ref: 00894198

Cr Barry Calvert
Mayor
Hawkesbury City Council
PO Box 146
WINDSOR NSW 2756

Dear Cr Calvert

I am writing to you regarding the Lower Portland Car Ferry Service and your Council's plans to discontinue this service.

I am advised that the Ferry provides highly valued transport linkages that will have a lasting impact on the local community if the service is no longer offered by The Hills Shire Council and Hawkesbury City Council.

In recognition of the importance of this service to the community, the NSW Government is willing to provide a recurrent funding contribution of a maximum of \$500,000 per annum for the next four years in order to assist The Hills Shire Council and Hawkesbury City Council to continue to run this service.

The NSW Government's offer of recurrent funding is contingent on the agreement of both councils to cover any capital investments required to keep the ferry service operational.

To accept this offer, or if you would like to discuss this proposal further, please contact Mr John Hardwick, Executive Director, Sydney, Transport for NSW on 0408 449 288 or at john.t.hardwick@rms.nsw.gov.au.

I trust that with the NSW Government's assistance the Lower Portland Ferry will continue to provide the community a convenient and safe river crossing service.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A Constance", written over a horizontal line.

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Roads
Leader of the House

27/8/19

CC: Ms Robyn Preston, Member for Hawkesbury

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