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Dear Craig,

## **Parramatta River Ferry Service Review F3 & F8 Parramatta River and Cockatoo Island ferry routes respectively**

I am writing in response to the Parramatta River Ferry Service Review.

Thank you for your advice of the extension of time to enable Hunter's Hill Council to make a submission on behalf of our community.

I wish to advise that the proposal was considered by this Council at its Ordinary meeting of 24 February 2020 and it resolved as follows:

That Council write to the Minister of Transport, the local member The Hon. Mr Anthony Roberts and the General Manager Operations of Transdev to advise that Council is opposed as a matter of principle to the proposed changes to the F3 and F8 ferry services on the basis that it will be a retrograde public transport result to the detriment of the residents of the Hunters Hill Municipality based on the following concerns and reasons:

- a) The large Community Meeting held 13 February 2020 unanimously rejected the proposal due to its detrimental impact on the Community.
- b) Barangaroo is not a transport interchange, being a significant walk to or from train, bus and light rail connections at Wynyard;
- c) The walk between Barangaroo Wharf and Wynyard includes a number of escalators with the alternative of lifts for those with reduced mobility making this part of a journey more difficult for some (including wheelchair bound commuters, some seniors and parents travelling with young children) as will changing ferries if they continue to Circular Quay;
- d) The walk between Barangaroo Wharf and Wynyard is uncovered for much of its distance making it undesirable in inclement weather;
- e) There is concern about the safety of those walking alone after dark to and from Barangaroo Wharf;
- f) By comparison Circular Quay is a major transport interchange in close proximity to train, bus and light rail connections;
- g) For those who continue to travel to and from Circular Quay, which is the preferred destination for Woolwich and Huntleys Point residents, the detriment of substantial additional travel time due to changing ferries at Barangaroo or Balmain East will more than offset any benefit of additional services at peak times;

- h) Additionally for passengers travelling between Huntleys Point and the city, the travel times will be further increased as it is proposed all F3 services will be an all stop service between Abbotsford and the City;
- i) Transdev should release data about ferry usage used in the development of their proposal which will assist in understanding the high use of customers within the area;
- j) Ferry services played a major role in the early history and development of Hunters Hill and remain a vitally important means of direct transport between the peninsular and the city as road journeys are less direct and are usually congested;
- k) The direct ferry services to and from Circular Quay continue to attract people to live in the Hunters Hill and Huntleys Point peninsulas because of the convenient connection to employment and educational institutions via Circular Quay;
- l) Residents regularly use the Circular Quay ferry services for travel to and from cultural centres including the Opera House, The Rocks and the Botanic Gardens as well as Macquarie Street medical services, and the Airport Train – the inconvenience of changing ferries or additional walking is likely to reduce demand for these services particularly for those travelling to the airport with baggage;
- m) The use of berths at Circular Quay by private cruise operators should be reviewed, exploring arrangements to provide more berthing opportunities for commuter ferries;
- n) Residents have indicated that existing services should remain in place as far as possible and that termination of services at Barangaroo should only be used for additional services;
- o) There is great potential to improve ferry services by improving connections with buses and other ferries, without disrupting services for those who live west of the Harbour Bridge.

If you require further information in relation to any of these matters I can be contacted on 9879 9430.

Yours sincerely



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