



## MEDIA RELEASE

# Greater Hobart Mayors welcome Derwent Ferry funding

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The Greater Hobart Mayors have welcomed the Australian Government's \$20 million commitment to the expansion of the Derwent Ferry Service.

Mayor Brendan Blomeley (Clarence), Mayor Bec Thomas (Glenorchy), Acting Lord Mayor Helen Burnet (Hobart) and Acting Mayor Clare Glade-Wright (Kingborough) said it was pleasing to formally secure the funding, first pledged by Labor in the lead up to the Federal Election earlier this year.

The investment will expand Hobart's commuter ferry service by constructing on-water terminals at new locations on the River Derwent. Preliminary work is underway to inform the selection of terminal sites, with several locations under consideration including Sandy Bay, Lindisfarne and Wilkinsons Point, in addition to upgrades at Bellerive Pier.

The \$20 million federal commitment builds on the Tasmanian Government's \$19 million investment in the Derwent Ferry service in the 2022-23 State Budget, which supports an ongoing service between Bellerive and the Hobart CBD, including improvements to landside infrastructure at Bellerive.

### Quotes attributable to Mayor Brendan Blomeley (Clarence City Council)

*"The initial service between Bellerive and Hobart has been a great success. With over 140,000 passengers using the service since the trial began in August 2021, the community has clearly embraced ferry travel."*

*"From a Clarence perspective, we've seen the positive impact of this service and we are excited to plan for improved amenities at Bellerive and future expansion to additional sites such as Lindisfarne."*

### Quotes attributable to Mayor Bec Thomas (Glenorchy City Council)

*"Securing this funding has been a top priority for the Greater Hobart Mayors and we are pleased this has now been formalised through the Federal Budget."*

*"At Glenorchy we see real potential for a ferry terminal at Wilkinsons Point, which would service events at MyState Bank Arena and benefit Glenorchy commuters more broadly. We look forward to continuing the feasibility work that will confirm specific terminal locations and route options."*

### Quotes attributable to Acting Lord Mayor Helen Burnet (City of Hobart)

*"We thank the Australian Government for honouring its election commitment by making a considerable investment in the future of the Derwent Ferry service."*

*"It's been terrific to see the public respond so enthusiastically to the current ferry service, including the Summer Saturday service which carried over 6000 passengers last summer, and is now a permanent addition to the service."*

### Quotes attributable to Acting Mayor Clare Glade-Wright (Kingborough Council)

*"This investment is an important first step in the expansion of the ferry network across Greater Hobart. We welcome the Australian Government's support for Kingborough to be part of the long-term vision for the network."*

**Brendan Blomeley is the Mayor of Clarence City Council, Bec Thomas is the Mayor of Glenorchy City Council, Helen Burnet is the Acting Lord Mayor of the City of Hobart and Clare Glade-Wright is the Acting Mayor of Kingborough**



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