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Dear Mr Cox,

I am writing in response to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART's) request for submissions regarding the review of private ferry fares and the review of fares on the Stockton Ferry service.

I note that IPART has developed the Commercial Vessel Association (CVA) Cost Index, an industry index of the changes in costs of providing ferry services, for the purpose of recommending private ferry fares.

Consistent with the approach applied last year, NSW Transport and Infrastructure also supports the application of the CVA Cost Index to State Transit Authority's Stockton Ferry service.

The CVA Cost Index should provide a reasonable indication of the cost movements across the ferry industry.

If you require further information to assist with the determination of the Stockton Ferry fare, please contact Andrew Nicholls, Director Transport Policy and Reform on 9268 2831 or email andrew.nicholls@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Les Wielinga
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