



Mr James Cox
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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Mr Cox

I refer to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal review of private ferry fares in NSW. NSW Maritime wishes to make a submission to this review, particularly in relation to the "Matildas Cruises" service.

NSW Maritime owns, or is in the process of transferring control and management to NSW Maritime, the following wharf facilities which are used by Matilda Cruises in providing ferry services:

- Circular Quay (Jetty No. 6)
- Milsons Point - Luna Park
- Circular Quay (Harbour Masters Steps)
- Darling Harbour (Aquarium)
- Hunters Hill (Alexandra Street)
- Longueville
- Northwood
- Greenwich (Bay Street)
- Greenwich Point
- Birchgrove (Long Nose Point)
- North Sydney (Jeffery St)
- Taronga Zoo
- Watsons Bay

Matilda Cruises operates three ferry services using NSW Maritime ferry wharves. These services are Circular Quay to Darling Harbour (via Luna Park), Circular Quay (Harbour Masters Steps) to the Aquarium (Darling Harbour) and Circular Quay to Lane Cove. The Circular Quay to Lane Cove ferry service operates Monday to Friday, with some services operating only during selected private school terms.

NSW Maritime is responsible for the maintenance and periodic upgrade of the wharves listed above. Over the past 3 years, NSW Maritime has expended approximately \$3.05M on upgrading and over \$595,000 on maintenance works on the above wharves.

Further upgrades of the above wharves are scheduled, in particular upgrades to provide disabled compliant access. NSW Maritime is planning to spend over \$6.4M on upgrade works and \$2.6M on maintenance on the above wharves over the next three years.

From March 2006 to May 2008, NSW Maritime received \$33,773.97 in income from Matilda Cruises for its use of the No.6 Wharf at Circular Quay under NSW Maritime's wharf booking system. NSW Maritime receives no other fees from Matilda Cruises for access to ferry wharves.

NSW Maritime requests IPART consider NSW Maritime's expenditure on ferry wharves when reviewing the fares in relation to the Matilda Cruises' service.

If your officers have any queries or require any further information, please refer them to NSW Maritime's Acting General Manager Maritime Property Division, Mr Bruce Green, on (02) 9364 2006.

Yours sincerely



Steve Dunn
Chief Executive