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Mr James Cox  
Chief Executive Officer  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
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Dear Mr Cox

I refer to the review of fares for bus services across NSW and Newcastle Ferry Services being conducted by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

NSW Maritime is the owner of the Stockton Ferry Wharf and is responsible for the maintenance and periodic upgrade of the wharf. NSW Maritime does not receive any access fees from the ferry operator for use of the wharf.

Over the past 6 years NSW Maritime has expended over \$1.12M on the maintenance and upgrade of the wharf. The main cost in the period was the provision of disabled compliant access. NSW Maritime estimates that the annual maintenance cost for the Stockton ferry wharf is over \$30,000.

As part of the review into fares for the Stockton ferry service, NSW Maritime requests IPART take into consideration the significant expenditure by NSW Maritime on the Stockton Ferry Wharf.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Dunn', with the date '1/10/08' written next to it.

Steve Dunn  
**Chief Executive**

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