

Subject: Submission To The Tasmanian Legislative Council- Public Transport Inquiry

Good Afternoon Stuart

My name is Rick Metcalfe and I would like to make a submission to the Tasmanian Legislative Council Transport Inquiry in regards to the functioning of a Ferry service for the Hobart Greater area, I would like to discuss with the members of the Tasmanian Legislative Council Transport Inquiry Committee as to the proposed services from Kettering to Hobart, with a number of nominated stops en route, and continuing along the Eastern shore heading upstream where the Ferry services would integrate with existing Bus services through out all proposed Ferry routes and to also integrate with the proposed Northern suburbs light rail project with cross river Ferry services. Potentially Ferry services could be instigated from Bridgewater to Kettering encompassing the Eastern shore down to Opossum Bay and South Arm.

I will also be joining with Transit Systems Australia in making a submission but feel that as I have been working as an individual towards instigating a Public Transport Ferry service for Hobart of my own volition and at my own expense for the last 4 years I believe my experience and research should be shown to the Committee.

My Ferry Operational background is as follows;

- March 1996 Commenced work with Brisbane Ferries as a Monohull Ferry Master and shortly after became a Cityferry Training Master.
- July 1996 Commenced Training with Crews for the Introduction of the Citycat Ferry Services.
- November 1996 Commenced the start of the Citycat Ferry service, started service with 4 Citycats.
- January 1998 Commenced as Training Master for the Citycat Ferry service.
- April 2003 Became W.H&S Rep for Brisbane Ferries.
- October 2008 Promoted to Fleet Operations Controller Brisbane Ferries and became the Acting Operations Manager for Brisbane Ferries liaising with all relevant Govt. Authorities pertaining to Brisbane Ferries, by 2011 the Brisbane Ferry service had grown to 190 Staff, 19 Citycats, 9 Cityferries and 2 Service/Maintenance vessels, 30 vessels in all that were managed from my office..
- January 2011 I was integral as part of the team to save and relocate the Brisbane Ferry service during the 2011 Flood Crisis and to the successful full restart of the Brisbane Ferry service in April 2011.
- January 2012 Resigned from Brisbane Ferries to move to Tasmania to Promote/Instigate a Ferry service for the Hobart Greater area, my commitment to making this work.
- April 2012 For personal financial reasons I commenced as an Operations Manager for Stradbroke Ferries Gladstone, a subsidiary company of Transit Systems Australia.
- Currently still very active in the promotion and starting of an integrated Public Transport Ferry service for the Hobart Greater area.
- As a Mariner I started working in the Marine industry in 1984 and gained my first Master's Licence in 1987, I currently hold a Master 4 & MED 3 Certificates.

My Tasmanian status is as follows;

- I currently work in Gladstone QLD on a secondment basis.
- I live at 10 Sugarloaf Rd, Kempton TAS 7030, since January 2012.
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I look forward to making a submission to the Tasmanian Legislative Council Transport Inquiry Committee.

Best Regards
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