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COMMISSION SECRETARIAT
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Dear Mr Sheperd,

Re: Proposed Kendall Bay Marina

At my meeting with the Commission on Friday 18 February 2011, I was requested to provide information supporting my claim that the demand for ferry services along the Parramatta River is increasing.

The table below shows the number of scheduled ferry services and the number of passengers carried on the Parramatta River over the past five complete financial years.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Scheduled Parramatta River Services</i>	<i>Patronage Figures (M)</i>
2005 - 2006	19,230	1.373
2006 - 2007	23,307	1.452
2007 - 2008	25,258	1.406
2008 - 2009	25,140	1.473
2009 - 2010	26,615	1.508

For the past three years Sydney ferries has conducted twice yearly manual counting of passengers on and off all ferry services. Cabarita wharf has seen the fastest growth of any of the 38 locations serviced by Sydney Ferries. For Cabarita wharf and all wharves up river from Cabarita, the passenger load surveys indicate average growth of 13% in the last two years. At Cabarita, weekly passenger transfers increased from 3,268 in the December 2008 survey to 4,144 in the November 2010 survey.

The latest Bureau of Transport Statistics population growth forecasts predict 34% growth between 2011 and 2021 in the resident populations of Cabarita, Kissing Point, Meadowbank, Sydney Olympic Park and Rydalmere wharf catchment areas.



Transport Sydney Ferries

Transport NSW is currently conducting a Network Review to determine future ferry services. Sydney Ferries is urging the Review to consider additional new stops at Ermington, Rhodes and possibly Newington. If a wharf is built at Ermington, this would significantly increase demand levels. The Ermington catchment area is forecast to have a population of 5,381 by 2021.

In conclusion, Sydney Ferries has experienced consistent patronage growth along the Parramatta River and expects that growth will continue, resulting in an increase in the number of ferry services.

Yours Sincerely

Denis Mole AM
Chief Operating Officer