



Media Release

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STRONG INTEREST SHOWN FOR HIGH SPEED FERRY CONTRACT

Service reliability at Sydney Ferries for 2008/09 was 99.5%.

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Eight businesses from Australia and around the globe have expressed interest in operating the high speed ferry service between Manly and Circular Quay from April 2010, Minister for Transport David Campbell announced today.

“There is very strong interest in the five year high speed Manly ferry operations contract, which comes with a potential 3 year contract extension,” Mr Campbell said.

“The contract will provide wharf access at Manly and Circular Quay during weekday morning and evening peak periods.”

Mr Campbell said eight businesses had registered Expressions of Interest:

- Austal Ships Pty Ltd
- Captain Cook Cruises
- Manly Fast Ferry Pty Ltd
- Palm Beach Ferry Service
- Seaflight Cruises Pty Ltd
- Seaflight Ferry Services
- TransdevTSL
- Veolia Transport Australasia.

“The tender process will now move into the second stage with tender documents to be made available through September,” Mr Campbell said.

“The service will continue to operate on a fully commercial basis with no Government subsidy.

“The decision will have no impact on the regular Manly ferry services provided by Sydney Ferries.

“Existing service levels will remain on the regular Ferry route and its fares will continue to be set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

“The successful operator for the Manly fast ferry will be announced before the end of the year, with the new arrangements to take effect when the current contract expires at the end of March 2010.”

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