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SHORTLIST TO RUN SYDNEY FERRIES DETERMINED

Three firms and consortiums have been shortlisted for the tender process to become the new operator of Sydney Ferries, Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian announced today.

The three parties were selected from a field of local and international operators based on their responses to the Expressions of Interest stage. They are:

- Harbour City Ferries (Transfield Services Australia and Veolia Transdev Australasia)
- Serco Australia
- Transit Systems and Forgacs Engineering

“Today’s announcement means the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government is a step closer to delivering on our commitment to giving our harbour and the people of Sydney the world class ferry service they deserve,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“The process will ensure customers see improved ferry services delivered by the best possible operator while at the same time offering taxpayers value for money.

“Tender documents will be released to the shortlisted parties this month, allowing them to prepare detailed proposals demonstrating why they should be selected to operate Sydney Ferries under the franchise model developed by the Government.

“The ability of tenderers to improve the overall customer experience will be a key consideration, in line with the emphasis on customer service we are implementing across the public transport network.”

The parties will have until early 2012 to submit their responses, with the successful operator to be in place by the end of next year. Responses will be evaluated against criteria including safety, operational and maintenance capability as well as cost to Government.

Ms Berejiklian said under the franchise model, the Government will retain ownership of Sydney Ferries’ existing vessels and the Balmain Shipyard and will retain full control over fares and service levels.

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