



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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22 July 2015

Hon Stephen Mullighan MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
GPO Box 1533
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Dear Stephen,

Mid Murray Council – Funding for new Steel-hulled River Murray Ferries

The Mid Murray Council would like to thank you for allocating an additional \$6M dollars investment over the next 4 years for the construction of an additional 2 new steel-hulled ferries. We valued very much the awarding of the tender for the first 2 steel-hulled ferries to Bowhill Engineering.

As you are aware, the first of the steel-hulled ferries was successfully launched at Bowhill on Tuesday 14 July 2015. Bowhill Engineering are to be congratulated on their planning and execution of a highly skilled operation for the transportation from their manufacturing premises in Bowhill to the launching area. Around 70 residents from in and around Bowhill watched the expertise of Bowhill Engineering in the launching of the first new steel-hulled ferry. We even rescheduled our Mid Murray Council meeting to Bowhill, so that Councillors could view this launch.

We appreciate your recognition that the ferry services are an integral part of the business, tourism, emergency services, and community of River Murray towns.

Bowhill Engineering have demonstrated their ability to complete the first steel-hulled ferry on time, within budget, as well as ensuring a successful launch at Bowhill. Bowhill Engineering are a significant employer within the Mid Murray Council area and in particular the small town of Bowhill. The Council believes that they have demonstrated efficient construction processes and cost, the ability to successfully launch the new steel-hulled ferry and have ensured sustainable regional employment. Therefore, it would be appreciated if you could consider a new contract being awarded to Bowhill Engineering for the additional 2 steel-hulled ferries in the State budget. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Dave Burgess
MAYOR

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**Government
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The Hon Stephen Mullighan MP

**Mr Dave Burgess
Mayor
Mid Murray Council
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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter dated 22 July 2015, regarding Bowhill Engineering's successful launch of the first steel hull ferry on 14 July 2015.

I note the recognition that you have given to Bowhill Engineering as a significant employer in your region, as well as their manufacturing skills and facilities.

I am advised that the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure expects to go to market as part of an open tender around mid-November 2015 for this work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S Mullighan", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

**HON STEPHEN MULLIGHAN MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

29 August 2015

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