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Dear Mr Miller (Nutr

Thank you for your correspondence received

Thank you for your correspondence received on 25 January 2021 regarding the safety and quality of marine infrastructure at Penneshaw and Cape Jervis.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) for advice about this matter.

I am pleased to advise on 7 July 2020 the Marshall Government approved \$22 million to replace the berthing structures at Cape Jervis and Penneshaw.

To ensure continued operations and public safety until the replacement works occur, further maintenance works were required to be undertaken on the existing berthing structures. These maintenance works are scheduled to be completed by April 2021.

Regarding the \$40 million marine infrastructure investment announced in the 2020-21 State Budget, I can advise that \$1 million has been allocated to refurbish or replace the outer section of the Cape Jervis Jetty. These works will be done in conjunction with the replacement of the Cape Jervis berthing structure.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) phase of the multi-stage procurement process for ferry services between Cape Jervis and Penneshaw to commence once current arrangements end in June 2024 closed on 28 January 2021.

Due to the current stage of the process, DIT is not able to consult regarding the procurement process or the future contract at this time.

The Marshall Government recognises the importance of the ferry service, especially for those who live and work on Kangaroo Island. It is important that a competent and experienced ferry operator is secured through the procurement process, and that the future operator meets the needs of the community and the government on terms that reflect modern transport contracts.

I am advised that DIT undertook comprehensive market sounding prior to commencing the procurement process and is aware of the views of key stakeholders for the future service. These views will be considered during the procurement process. I understand the Kangaroo Island Business and Brand Alliance participated in the market sounding and I thank you for your input.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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