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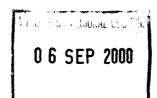
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Monday, 4 September 2000

Anthony Cross Wellington Regional Council 142 146 Wakefield St P.O.Box 11 646 Wellington



Dear Anthony,

Wellington Harbour Ferry

Further to my telephone conversation, I wish to advise that we propose to introduce shortly our new fast ferry 'City Cat' on to the Queens Wharf / Somes Island / Days Bay sailings to replace the existing WestpacTrust Ferry.

Hence we would wish to request your consent and approval of the same in respect of our current contract with the Wellington Regional Council.

Details of the new ferry are as attached. The ferry is relative new at 5 years old and it will complete the commuter run Days Bay / Queens Wharf in under 20 minutes at a service speed of 20 knots+. The ferry has a capacity for 91 passengers and is in current survey with Survey Nelson Limited, our Safe Ship Management Company. A copy of the current interim certificate is attached and this will be replaced shortly with a 4 year certificate.

We also propose to amend the timetable slightly to take account of the shorter trip duration and to allow better frequency of service during the peak commuter hours. In respect of that, we will submit and application to vary the service later this week.

In the meantime, should you require any further information please do not hesitate to call.

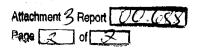
Yours sincerely

Jeremy Ward Managing Director

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New Ferry

The new proposed ferry, CityCat, is a purpose built passenger catamaran, designed by the renown Malcolm Tennant, and built by Martin Blumhart, Auckland. The ferry was originally commissioned and built for the Gulf Harbour ferry service and has been operating on this run since. Gulf Hat-bout- Ferries was bought by Fullers in 1998 and presently the vessel is operating on Auckland Harbour for the Fullers Group. The ferry is five years old and has been extremely well maintained by Fullers. The vessel is also surveyed to the highest professional standards to meet all Maritime Safety Authority Requirements and surveyed for restricted inshore limits for 9 1 passengers each.

The design incorporates two decks with top deck open seating for 23 passengers. The main cabin has removal commuter seating for 53 passengers, and a further 15 seats in the enclosed cockpit area on the back of the stem deck. The main cabin seating is fully removal for rearranging for function work. The main cabin has a fully licensed bar which extends the full breadth of the vessel at the forward end of the cabin. This area also provides for the bridge and skipper controls on the starboard side. The covered back cockpit deck provides ample room for passenger viewing on regular sailings, and also provision for placement of barbeques for charter functions. The fen-y can accommodate and cater for up to 50 passengers on fully catered charter cruises.

Full specifications of the ferry is as follows:

Type Catamaran Designer Malcolm Tennant Builder Martin Blumhart CityCat 1995 Date Length 14.35 metres 1.2 metres Draught Speed 23 knots 91 Passengers

Hull Construction Composite fibreglass

Engines 2 x John Deere 6 cylinder engines

Power 300 bhp **@1900** rpm

Propulsion Propeller