



## MINUTE OF THE MAYOR

**Dated: 24 February 2020**

### **RE: Ferry Services**

I've been approached by many Cremorne residents who are concerned about the proposed merger of the Mosman Bay and Taronga Zoo ferry routes.

The current F6 route takes passengers from Cremorne Point Wharf directly to Circular Quay in just 10 minutes.

Under the new proposed route, Cremorne Point Wharf would remain the last stop before Circular Quay in the morning with an unchanged journey time.

However, after 1pm, any passengers boarding the ferry at Cremorne Point will have to first do a loop around Mosman Bay - stopping at South Mosman, Old Cremorne, Cremorne Bay and Taronga Zoo - before heading to Circular Quay. This will double the current journey time.

While I appreciate there are not as many commuters after 1pm as there are in the morning peak, a lot of our residents still use this ferry service throughout the day and they shouldn't be forced to take the scenic route every time they need to go to the City.

We should be encouraging people to use public transport more often and not deterring them by making their journeys unnecessarily longer.

I would therefore like to propose that Council requests that any new route arising from merged F2/F6 ferry services include two stops at Cremorne Point Wharf, both before and after Circular Quay.

This will encourage more locals to take the ferry to work, taking cars off the road and easing the pressure on the jammed-packed buses that travel along Military Road to the CBD.

One benefit of the proposed merger and new service would be improved frequency of ferries at the weekend, with a ferry running every 20 minutes during the day instead of hourly.

This is something I would also like to see happen with the Neutral Bay ferry service, which services Kurraba Point, Neutral Bay, North Sydney and Kirribilli residents.

#### **I therefore recommend:**

- 1. THAT** Council, as a matter of urgency, write to Transport for NSW requesting that any new ferry route arising from the merger of the existing F2/F6 routes stops at Cremorne Point twice on every journey, before and after Circular Quay, so that our residents do not have to waste time doing 'a scenic loop' around Mosman.
- 2. THAT** Council separately ask Transport for NSW and ferry service provider Transdev to review the possibility of providing more regular evening and weekend services for the Neutral Bay ferry route.

**COUNCILLOR JILLY GIBSON  
MAYOR**