

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the concept plans for upgrading Ferry Road.

A General Meeting of the Kettering Community Association (Inc) held on 1 June 2011 discussed the two options presented for public comment. Following discussion from the floor, a vote indicated the majority view of the members present was to support Option 1.

A number of issues of concern were raised specifically in regard to the mechanics of managing the transition of the third lane from parking to ferry queuing. Also passengers alighting onto a potentially steep sloping roadside.

There was a strong view that additional off-street parking is required along the waterfront to cater for tourists and for boat owners with moorings who currently park along Ferry Road, often for extended periods, when using their vessels.

A major concern expressed by the meeting was the limited scope of the plans. Whilst accepting that they set out feasible options for resolving long-standing traffic and pedestrian safety issues we would hope that they could incorporate a wider range of issues.

What we need is a comprehensive plan for Ferry Road which includes not only those areas for which DIER is responsible but also picking up issues that Council and Crown Lands should be addressing. We need to ensure that the recommendations of the *Ferry Road and Little Oyster Cove Precinct Plan*, sponsored by DIER and Kingborough Council in 2009, are followed through.

Minister David O'Byrne attended our General Meeting in March. He told the meeting he was amenable to redeploying any savings from the DIER project budget to make other improvements to Ferry Road. He suggested that we put forward ideas to DIER's Ferry Road project team.

We believe that consideration should be given to:

- installing the electricity supply underground as part of road works;
- landscaping the foreshore areas to make them more attractive;
- improving public access to the foreshore and providing long-term off street parking;
- providing grant funding to Council so that they can deliver the long anticipated foreshore walkway.

In order to progress the issues outside DIER's sphere of responsibility we will be seeking to meet with the General Manager of Kingborough Council at the earliest opportunity.

We would welcome the opportunity for representatives of our Association to meet with DIER's Ferry Road project team to elaborate on the issues raised above. We feel this is essential to ensure the best long term outcome for our community and the broad base of Ferry Road users.