



**MEDIA ALERT**

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## **Community Wins From Government Decision on Ferries**

Unions NSW applauds today's decision by the NSW Government to keep Sydney Ferries in public hands and believes that the government has made a sensible decision.

"The community has spoken and the government has listened", Unions NSW secretary Mark Lennon said, "This is the right decision for the people of NSW – it's a win for commuters and the community at large"

"Those that have conducted the community campaign to keep the iconic Sydney Ferries in public hands should be congratulated" Mr Lennon said.

"In particular thanks should go to community activist Jack Munday for his untiring support for the campaign."

The community campaign included rallies at various Sydney Ferries wharves, public meetings, petitions and visits to state MPs.

"Unions NSW believes today's decision is recognition by the State Government of the hard reforms undertaken by the workers at Sydney Ferries to make them one of the best performing public transport operators in Australia" said Mark Lennon.

Thanks to these reforms, Sydney Ferries has made significant gains in efficiency. Reliability has increased to 99.5 per cent and on time running continues to rise and is currently at 98.1 per cent.

"I'd also like to congratulate all the residents, workers and local groups who have united behind this campaign to save our Sydney Ferries", said Mark Lennon, "Without their hard work campaigns like this can't succeed."

Mark Lennon

Secretary Unions NSW