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Minute to the Premier

SUBJECT: CARTELA RESTORATION PROJECT – GRANT OF \$1 MILLION

Premier's notation:

Recommendation:

That you:

1. Note that on 10 February 2023, the Tasmanian Government announced that it would provide a grant of \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust to assist with the design and construction of a ship lift to be installed in the Franklin area, to pave the way for the restoration of the Cartela and other wooden boats in the future.
2. Note that the trust has since determined that Franklin is not a viable option for the ship lift, primarily due to the difficulties securing a suitable site, and the challenges of obtaining the various regulatory approvals which would be required.
3. Note that the trust has identified the slipways at Napoleon Street, Battery Point, as an alternative and has requested that Government agree to an amendment to the committed purpose of the grant, to allow for the restoration of the Cartela to be undertaken at this site.
4. Formally approve a grant of up to \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust to assist with the restoration efforts to the Cartela on the terms and conditions as set out in Attachment 1 of this Minute.
5. Note that the grant is proposed to be payable in instalments, with the first instalment of \$112,000 to be provided to determine if it is feasible for the Cartela to be restored at an existing slipway at Battery Point, and for the trust to attempt to obtain the planning approvals which may be required to upgrade the slipway.
6. Note that if the trust is able to progress the Cartela restoration at Battery Point:

- the trust has advised the remaining \$880,000 should be adequate to fund the required upgrade of the slipway but not to complete the restoration of the Cartela
- the trust is unable to provide costings to complete the Cartela restoration

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Current Situation:

- On 10 February 2023, the Tasmanian Government announced that it would provide a grant of \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust to assist with the design and construction of a ship lift to be installed in the Franklin area. This funding was committed to pave the way for restoration of the Cartela, as well as support the restoration and maintenance of other wooden boats in the future.
- The trust originally advised that the estimated cost of the ship lift was \$1.5 million with the trust required to raise the balance funds from other sources including philanthropic support.
- Since the commitment of the \$1 million grant was announced, the trust has been undertaking research to determine if there is a suitable location for the ship lift in the Franklin area.
- Following detailed investigation, the trust has determined that undertaking the restoration of the Cartela at Franklin through building and locating a ship lift as part of a wider Maritime Heritage Precinct is not a viable option, due to:
 - the difficulty in securing a suitable location for the ship lift
 - challenges in securing the required regulatory approvals for the ship lift
 - the conservation zone for the Franklin River may prevent some restoration works
 - Castle Forbes Bay can be difficult for larger tall ships to navigate.
- The trust also advises that the existing commercial slipway and drydock options in Tasmania are not viable to restore the Cartela due to the high daily costs, with the restoration program for the vessel's wooden hull likely to take more than two years.
- The trust advises that one of the existing slipways at 44 Napoleon St, Battery Point, could be a possible alternative option for the restoration of the Cartela's hull. If this is feasible it would be the trust's intention for the refurbishment of the vessel's superstructure to be undertaken at Franklin, where possible.
- The slipway at Battery Point is owned by the Hobart City Council s27

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- The Battery Point slipway has historically been used for vessel's smaller than the Cartela. The trust is proposing that s27 review the slipway and provide a feasibility report on the remedial action and costs required to bring it to the necessary standard to hold the Cartela and allow its restoration.
- The trust has also obtained preliminary planning advice that if it is feasible for the slipway to be upgraded to accommodate the Cartela, as the new cradle would be bigger, this may require a planning permit which would be discretionary due to its heritage listings.
- The trust believes that if the Battery Point slipway is able to be upgraded, in the future it will be used to restore and maintain many other wooden boats, due to strong demand for this type of facility.
- The trust has requested the Government's consideration to approving a change of purpose of the \$1 million as originally committed. s27 it is also seeking an upfront instalment under the grant of \$112,000 to be used for the following purposes:
 - feasibility report on the requirements for the Battery Point slipway upgrade
 - investigation into suitability for the Cartela to be towed from Franklin to Battery Point, the methodology and costs
 - planning advice, and costs, to obtain any necessary approvals to upgrade the slipway.
- The trust believes that it has strong support from the local community for the Cartela to be restored at Battery Point. s27
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- If the feasibility report determines that an upgrade to the slipway could accommodate the Cartela, and the trust is able to obtain any required planning approvals, the trust is seeking to use the remaining grant funds to complete the upgrade of the slipway, to tow the Cartela from Franklin to Battery Point, and for any balance funds to be used towards the cost of restoring the Cartela's hull.
- The trust advises that the full cost of restoring the Cartela cannot be determined until the ship is lifted out of the water and its hull inspected.
- In March 2023, State Growth staff completed an inspection of the Cartela at Franklin where it has been moored for several years. It is confirmed that the vessel is in very poor condition with the superstructure almost entirely gutted. Photos of the current condition of the Cartela are provided at Attachment 2.
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- The trust believes there is strong community support for the Cartela to be restored.
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Previous grant funding

Since 2012 (when the Cartela was donated to the trust), the Tasmanian Government has provided a total of \$493,000 in grant funding to support restoration efforts for the Cartela, as summarised below:

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| 2012 | 60,000 | Provided to assist with due diligence studies and to purchase the Cartela's original steam engine. |
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| Total | 493,000 | |

Background:

The Cartela is a historically important Tasmanian vessel and was built in Battery Point in 1912.

The Cartela has a long history, from being leased to the Royal Australian Navy in World War I, to transporting Tasmanians across the River Derwent after the collapse of the Tasman Bridge in 1975, and more recently hosting tourists, school groups and wedding parties. The Cartela was most recently operated on the Derwent as a commercial vessel by the Navigators Group of companies (owned by the).

In 2012, the Navigators Group donated the Cartela to the Steamship Cartela Trust with the intent that the vessel be restored. The Steamship Cartela Trust was established for the sole purpose of the promotion, restoration, and preservation of the Cartela.

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Secretary

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Attachments:

- 1) Grant Information Table
- 2) Current photos of the Cartela

Attachment I

Grant Information Table

| Item 1 (clause 1.1): | Approved Purposes for which the Grant is provided |
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| To assist the Recipient with the: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) completion of a Feasibility Study into the suitability of the Hunter Slipway situated at 44 Napoleon St, Battery Point to be upgraded to enable the vessel known as the Cartela to be slipped and the hull restored at the site;(b) completion of a Feasibility Study into the suitability of the Cartela to be towed from Franklin to the Hunter Slipway;(c) costs of obtaining all regulatory approvals for the upgrade of the Hunter Slipway;(d) costs of upgrading the Hunter Slipway;(e) costs of towing the Cartela from Franklin to the Hunter Slipway and lifting the vessel out of the water; and(f) costs of restoring the Cartela's hull. | |
| Item 2 (clause 2.1): | Grant Amount |
| Up to \$1,000,000 (One million dollars), GST exclusive. The Grant will be payable in instalments, in accordance with Item 3. | |
| Item 3 (clause 3.1): | Payment method for the Grant |
| The Grant is payable in instalments, as follows: Instalment 1: up to \$112,000 - to be used for the elements of the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (a), (b) and (c). Instalment 2: up to \$888,000 - to be used for the elements of the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (d) and (e). Instalment 3: any balance of the Grant funds up to \$1 million - to be used for the element of the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (f). Payment of each Grant instalment is subject to the Recipient satisfying all applicable Conditions precedent set out in Item 4. | |
| Item 4 (clause 4.1): | Conditions precedent to payment of the Grant |
| With respect to: Instalment 1: upon execution of this Deed, and the provision of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) a proposal from a Qualified Consultant to complete the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (a) that must acknowledge and meet the requirements of the Feasibility Study and Feasibility Report as defined in the Glossary;(b) a proposal from a Qualified Consultant to complete the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (b) that must acknowledge and meet the requirements of the Feasibility Study and Feasibility Report as defined in the Glossary; and | |

- (c) evidence that the Recipient has sufficient funds, including funds available under Instalment 1, to complete the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (a), (b), and (c).

Instalment 2: the provision of:

- (a) the Feasibility Report which confirms the Hunter Slipway situated at 44 Napoleon St, Battery Point can be upgraded to enable the Cartela to be slipped and the hull restored at the site;
- (b) the Feasibility Report which confirms the suitability of the Cartela to be towed from Franklin to the Hunter Slipway;
- (c) a copy of a legal agreement between the Recipient, the Hobart City Council and the current tenant of 44 Napoleon Street, Battery Point that includes:
 - i. agreement that the Hunter Slipway is to be upgraded to enable the Cartela to be slipped and the hull restored at the site;
 - ii. agreement that the Hunter Slipway will be made available to the Recipient for the required duration of the Cartela restoration program; and
 - iii. any rental arrangements.
- (d) copies of all statutory approval documentation required to undertake the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (c);
- (e) a budget to complete the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (d);
- (f) copies of contracts for any builders or other businesses engaged to complete the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (d);
- (g) a budget for the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (e);
- (h) evidence that the Recipient has sufficient funds, including funds available under Instalment 2, to complete the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (d), and (e);
- (i) evidence of expenditure incurred for the Approved Purpose to date, supported by tax invoices for any individual expenditure amounts in excess of \$5,000; and
- (j) a statutory declaration signed for and on behalf of the Recipient by a duly authorised officer or employee of the Recipient confirming that all of the information provided by the Recipient in support of its claim is true and correct.

Instalment 3: upon the successful completion of the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), and the provision of:

- (a) evidence of expenditure for the Approved Purpose defined at Item 1 (f), equivalent to the amount of the instalment payment sought.

Once each Condition precedent has been met to the satisfaction of the Grantor, payment of the related Instalment will be made on receipt of a valid invoice from the Recipient.

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| Item 5 (clause 5.1): Grant Account |
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| Item 6 (clause 6.1): Agreed Plan for carrying out the Approved Purpose |
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| The Agreed Plan is the carrying out of the Approved Purpose in accordance with the recommendations in the Feasibility Reports. |
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Item 7 (clause 7.1): Agreed Budget for carrying out the Approved Purpose

The Agreed Budget for the carrying out of the Approved Purpose is:

- (a) Instalment 1: to be used for the elements of the Approved Purpose defined at
 - i. Item 1 (a);
 - ii. Item 1 (b); and
 - iii. Item 1 (c).
- (b) Instalment 2: to be used for the elements of the Approved Purpose defined at
 - iv. Item 1 (d); and
 - v. Item (e).
- (c) Instalment 3: to be used for the element of the Approved Purpose defined at
 - i. Item 1 (f).

Item 8 (clause 8.1): Date for commencement of the Approved Purpose

Upon the execution of this Deed.

Item 9 (clause 9.1): Date for completion of the Approved Purpose

30 June 2025

Item 10 (clause 10.1): Outcomes

The Recipient must ensure that the Approved Purpose has the Outcomes of:

- (a) the successful completion of the upgrade to Hunter Slipway;
- (b) the Cartela having been slipped at the Hunter Slipway; and
- (c) the Cartela's hull restored at the Hunter Slipway.

Item 11 (clause 11.1): Reporting requirements

In addition to the reporting requirements outlined in Item 4, the Recipient must provide to the Grantor:

- (a) a Progress Report within twenty (20) Business Days of the end of each Relevant Reporting Quarter, for each Relevant Reporting Quarter until the completion of the Approved Purpose.
- (b) a Final Report and Financial Acquittal no later than 30 June 2025.

The Recipient agrees to provide any additional information or reports as reasonable requested by the Grantor.

All information and reports must be provided within twenty (20) Business Days of the Grantor's written request.

All information, submissions and reports must be in a form and of a substance satisfactory to the Grantor.

Item 12 (clause 12.1): Insurance

The Recipient agrees to ensure an adequate level of insurance is maintained for:

- (a) the Cartela; and
- (b) undertaking the Approved Purpose.

Item 13 (clause 13.1): Special terms and conditions

The Recipient agrees:

- (a) to ensure that any interest received and/or accrued on the Grant Amount is to be used for the Approved Purpose;
- (b) to participate in any funding evaluation that may be undertaken by the Grantor;
- (c) that any cost overruns are the responsibility of the Recipient;
- (d) that if for any reason the Recipient is unable to proceed with the Approved Purpose, the grant funds will not be made available for any alternative Cartela restoration projects;
- (e) that the Grantor is not committing to any future funding for the restoration of the Cartela; and
- (f) to recognise the Grantor's assistance when promoting the project, including but not limited to information placed on the Recipient's website and social media accounts, media releases, media launches and in media interviews. In such instances the phrase *"This project is supported by the Tasmanian Government through the Department for State Growth"* must be adopted.

GLOSSARY

For the purposes of this Deed the following terms have the meaning defined below:

Relevant Reporting Quarter (Quarter) means the quarters ending:

- (a) 30 September;
- (b) 31 December;
- (c) 31 March; and
- (d) 30 June,

in each year until the completion of the Approved Purpose.

Feasibility Study means a comprehensive assessment that includes:

- (a) evaluation of practicality;
- (b) detailed costings;
- (c) a risk assessment and risk management plan;
- (d) resource requirements;
- (e) recommendations.

Feasibility Report means a report on the results of the Feasibility Study that:

- (a) can be relied upon by the Grantor.

Qualified Consultant means a person or business that is commissioned by the Recipient to provide a written Feasibility Report that:

- (a) is suitably qualified for the work they are undertaking;
- (b) holds adequate professional indemnity insurance; and
- (c) is independent of the Recipient.

Hunter Slipway means the slipway site located at 44 Napoleon Street, Battery Point.

Final Report means a report that demonstrates that the Approved Purpose has been completed, underpinned by evidence.

Financial Acquittal means a report in respect of the Approved Purpose that includes:

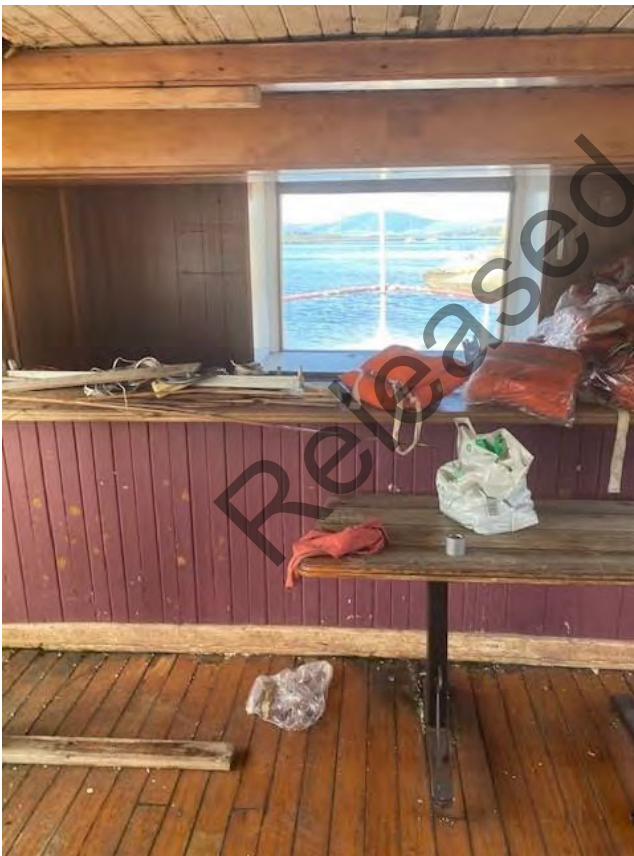
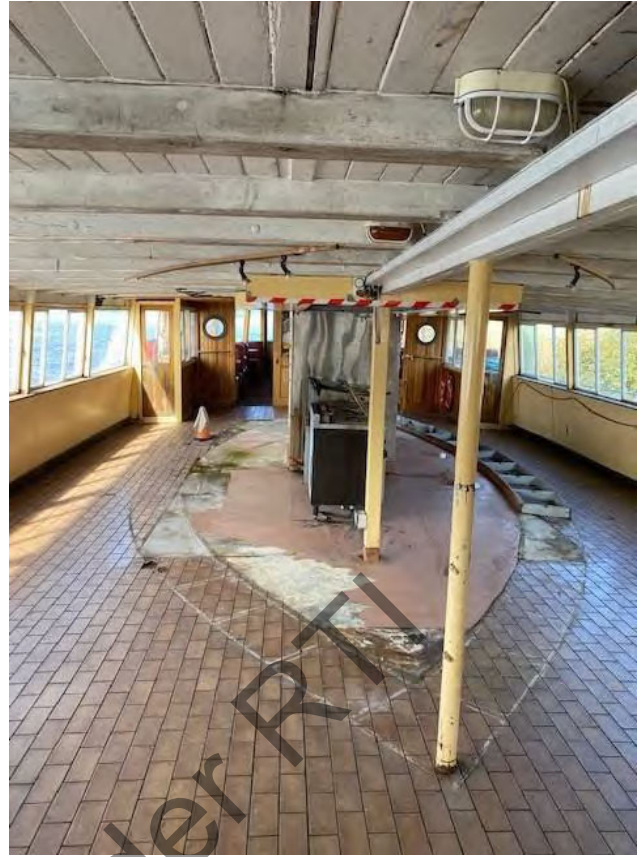
- (a) paid tax invoices for any individual expenditure amounts in excess of \$5,000;
- (b) a statement that all funding received was expended on the Approved Purpose in accordance with this Deed, dated and signed by a duly appointed representative of the Recipient; and
- (c) details of income and expenditure in respect of the Grant, showing the Recipient's cash and/or in-kind contributions, which must include a definitive statement as to whether the accounts are true and fair, dated and signed by a duly appointed representative of the Recipient.

Progress Report means a report on the Approved Purpose that includes:

- (a) the status of and progress against the project's major milestones;
- (b) an estimate of the percentage of completion;
- (c) total funds spent to date;
- (d) estimated remaining funds to be spent; and
- (e) the anticipated completion date.

Attachment 2
Current photos of the Cartela







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ISSUES BRIEFING NOTE FOR PREMIER

SUBJECT: CARTELA RESTORATION PROJECT

Minister's notation:

Background:

- The Department of State Growth and various Ministerial Offices receive regular contact from people enquiring about the status of the \$1 million grant which was approved to assist with the restoration of the Cartela.
- The Cartela is a historically important Tasmanian vessel and was built in Battery Point in 1912.
- The Cartela was most recently operated on the Derwent as a commercial vessel by the Navigators Group of companies (owned by the _____).
- In 2012, the Navigators Group donated the Cartela to the Steamship Cartela Trust (Trust), with the intent that the vessel would be restored.

\$1 million grant funding:

- On 10 February 2023, the Government announced funding of \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust to assist with the design and construction of a ship lift at the Franklin Maritime Precinct.
- Whilst it was envisaged that the ship lift would be designed to be used for the maintenance of several wooden boats, its first application would be the restoration of the Cartela.
- State Growth has been working with the Steamship Cartela Trust, which determined that the restoration of the vessel at Franklin was no longer viable due to:
 - The difficulty in securing a suitable location for the proposed ship lift.
 - Challenges in securing the required regulatory approvals for the ship lift.
 - The conservation zone for the Franklin River may prevent some restoration works.
 - The waterway can be difficult for larger tall ships to navigate.
- The Trust provided Government with an alternate option, being the towing, slipping, and restoration of the Cartela at an existing slipway in Battery Point.
- The Battery Point slipway is owned by the Hobart City Council, s27 [Redacted]
- The Trust advises that the cost of using alternative commercial slipways is prohibitive, due to the high daily charges, with the restoration of the Cartela's wooden hull likely to take up to two years.

- As a first step, the Government has agreed to provide \$112,000 to the Trust to undertake feasibility studies to determine whether the Cartela can be towed to, slipped, and restored at Battery Point, as well as obtaining any regulatory approvals which may be required for the slipway upgrades.
- Further funding under the \$1 million commitment is fully dependent upon this feasibility work, and the trust obtaining any regulatory approvals which may be required.
- The Trust has received this first grant instalment, and the feasibility studies for the Battery Point slipway have been undertaken by external consulting engineers. These studies were provided to State Growth on 3 December 2024.
- Regarding planning, the Trust advises that although there would be no change to the existing use of the slipway, the Cartela is larger by length and tonnage than currently allowable at the site and therefore a Planning Permit application needs to be made to the Hobart City Council.
- The Trust has submitted the application for the Planning Permit, which was recently advertised in the Mercury on 23 January 2025. Any representations in relation to the Planning Permit need to be made by 7 February 2025.

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- The Trust also advises that the cost of restoring the Cartela cannot be determined until the ship is lifted out of the water and its hull inspected.
- The ability of the Trust to complete the restoration of the Cartela will be dependent upon being able to raise the required funding.

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DOT POINTS FOR THE PREMIER

SUBJECT: CARTELA RESTORATION PROJECT

Background:

- **Out of scope** emailed the Department of State Growth on 2 December 2024 regarding the current status of the \$1 million grant which was approved to assist the restoration of the Cartela.

Current Situation:

- The Cartela is a historically important Tasmanian vessel and was built in Battery Point in 1912.
- The Cartela was most recently operated on the Derwent as a commercial vessel by the Navigators Group of companies (owned by the).
- In 2012, the Navigators Group donated the Cartela to the Steamship Cartela Trust, with the intent that the vessel would be restored.

Recent \$1 million grant funding

- On 10 February 2023, the Government announced funding of \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust to assist with the design and construction of a ship lift at the Franklin Maritime Precinct.
- Whilst it was envisaged that the shiplift would be designed to be used for the maintenance of a number of wooden boats, its first application would be the restoration of the Cartela.
- State Growth has been working with the Steamship Cartela Trust, which determined that the restoration of the vessel at Franklin was no longer viable due to:
 - The difficulty in securing a suitable location for the ship lift.
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- The Battery Point slipway is owned by the Hobart City Council, s27
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- Further funding under the \$1 million commitment is fully dependent upon this feasibility work, and the trust obtaining any regulatory approvals which may be required.
- The trust has received the first grant instalment, and the feasibility studies for the Battery Point slipway have been undertaken by external consulting engineers. These studies were provided to State Growth on 3 December 2024.
- Whilst State Growth will be required to complete a detailed review of the consulting engineers' reports before providing advice to Government, it appears that it is feasible for the Cartela to be towed and slipped at Battery Point.
- Regarding planning, the trust advises that although there would be no change to the existing use of the slipway, the Cartela is larger by length and tonnage than currently allowable and therefore an application needs to be made to the Hobart city Council for an exemption. The trust has advised that it will shortly submit the application to the Council and that this process will take 42 days.
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- The trust also advises that the cost of restoring the Cartela cannot be determined until the ship is lifted out of the water and its hull inspected.
- The ability of the trust to complete the restoration will be dependent upon being able to raise the required funding.

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**ISSUES BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE MINISTER FOR BUSINESS,
INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES**

SUBJECT: CARTELA RESTORATION PROJECT

Minister's notation:

Background:

- **Out of Scope** emailed you, as well as the Premier, in July 2024 regarding the restoration of the Cartela (refer both letters in Attachment A).
- Your office has requested a briefing (but not a draft reply), including background on funding and grants provided for the Cartela's restoration.
- State Growth notes to you that it has prepared a draft reply on behalf of the Premier (refer Attachment B), and that your office may elect to write to **Out of Scope** thanking her for her email and letting her know that the Premier will reply.
- State Growth representatives are also happy to meet with you or your office to further discuss the project.

Current Situation:

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- The purpose of the Steamship Cartela Trust is the promotion, restoration, and preservation of the Cartela.

Recent \$1 million grant funding

- On 10 February 2023, the Premier and Minister for Tourism announced funding of \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust to assist with the design and construction of a ship lift at the Franklin Maritime Precinct.
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- The trust has been provided with the first instalment of \$112,000, and the feasibility studies for the Battery Point slipway are currently being undertaken by external consulting engineers.
- Whilst there would be no change to the existing use of the slipway, the upgrades which are required may need planning approval. This cannot be confirmed until the consulting engineer's reports are completed to determine the extent of the upgrade which would be required.
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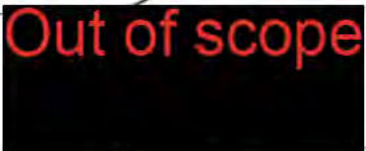
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Attachment A – Email to Minister Abetz

Attachment B – Draft reply prepared for the Premier

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Minute to the Acting Secretary

**SUBJECT: STEAMSHIP CARTELA TRUST – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE
GRANT – APPROVAL FOR VARIATION TO GRANT DEED**

Acting Secretary's notation:

Recommendation:

That you:



Current Situation:

The Community Infrastructure Fund grant of \$175 000, provided to the Steamship Cartela Trust (Cartela Trust) to support the restoration work on the Cartela, was due to be completed by 30 June 2020. Two instalments totalling \$126 000 have been fully acquitted.

Payment of the final instalment of \$49 000 was made to the business in December 2020 with a revised project completion date of 30 June 2021. A Grant Deed Variation was signed to enable this to occur.

The Cartela Trust advised the department on 15 June 2021 that the completion date of 30 June 2021 could not be achieved, and a second Grant Deed Variation was signed extending the completion date to 31 December 2021.

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It is therefore recommended that you:

1. Approve the variation to the provisions of original Grant Deed and subsequent Deeds of Variation.
2. Approve the date for the completion of the Approved Purpose from 31 December 2021 to 30 June 2023.
3. Approve the final report to be due within 30 Business Days of the Date for completion of the Approved Purpose.

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Background:

Since 2012 the State Government has approved \$503 000 in funding support to the Steamship Cartela Trust for various projects associated with the restoration of the Cartela.

On the 3 August 2017, State Growth approved \$175 000 through the Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) toward the costs associated with the purchase of a barge, towage to Hobart and raising the vessel from the water onto the barge to advance restoration works.

The first two components of this project have been completed and instalments totalling \$126 000 have been paid and acquitted.

The final part of the project has yet to be completed and as a result the remaining instalment of \$49 000 has yet to be used by the Steamship Cartela Trust.

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Jeremy Rockliff
Minister for Tourism and Hospitality

QUESTION TIME BRIEF

SUBJECT: Steamship Cartela Restoration

No Change: 22 August 2024

KEY MESSAGES

- In February 2023, the Tasmanian Government announced that it would provide a \$1 million grant to the Steamship Cartela Trust to assist with the restoration of the Steamship Cartela.
- When the grant was first announced, it was intended that the funds would be used to construct a ship lift in the Franklin area, which would be used to lift the Cartela out of the water, to pave the way for her restoration.
- After completing due diligence, the Trust determined that it is not viable to construct the ship lift at Franklin.
- The Trust has provided Government an alternative proposal, for the Cartela to be towed to, slipped, and restored at the shipyards in Battery Point.
- The Government has agreed to release \$112,000 of the \$1 million to assist the Trust undertake feasibility studies, and progress regulatory approvals, to determine whether Battery Point is an option. Further funding under the grant is fully dependent on this work.

Talking Points:

- The Cartela is a historically important Tasmanian vessel.
- The Cartela was built in Battery Point in 1912 – the same year the Titanic sunk.
- The Cartela has a long history, from being leased to the Royal Australian Navy in World War 1, to transporting Tasmanians across the River Derwent after the collapse of the Tasman Bridge in 1975, and more recently hosting tourists, school groups and wedding parties, before being donated to the Steamship Cartela Trust in 2012 for restoration.
- The Tasmanian Government also recognises the tourism potential of restoring the Cartela.
- In February 2023, the Tasmanian Government announced that it would provide a grant of \$1 million to the Trust to assist with the construction of a ship lift, to pave the way for her restoration. This commitment also supported the restoration and maintenance of other wooden boats in the future.
- Unfortunately, since this time, the Trust has determined that it is not viable to construct the ship lift at Franklin for numerous reasons, however, has presented Government with an alternative proposal that would see the Cartela towed to, slipped, and restored at the shipyards in Battery Point.
- As a first step, Government has agreed to provide \$112,000 to the Trust to undertake feasibility studies to determine whether the Cartela can be towed to, slipped, and restored at Battery Point, as well as progress regulatory approvals.

- Further funding under the \$1 million commitment is fully dependent upon this feasibility work, and the Trust obtaining all the required approvals.

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Background and Facts

- The Cartela was most recently operated on the Derwent as a commercial vessel by the Navigators Group of companies (owned by the).
- In 2012, the Navigators Group donated the Cartela to the Steamship Cartela Trust, with the intent that the vessel would be restored.
- The purpose of the Steamship Cartela Trust is the promotion, restoration, and preservation of the Cartela.

STATE GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT

New \$1 million grant funding

- On 10 February 2023, the Premier and Minister for Tourism announced funding of \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust to assist with the design and construction of a ship lift at the Franklin Maritime Precinct.
- State Growth has been working with the Steamship Cartela Trust, with the trust recently determining that the restoration of the vessel at Franklin is no longer viable due to:
 - The difficulty in securing a suitable location for the ship lift.
 - Challenges in securing the required regulatory approvals for the ship lift.
 - The conservation zone for the Franklin River may prevent some restoration works.
 - Castle Forbes Bay can be difficult for larger tall ships to navigate.
- The Trust has provided Government with an alternate option, being the towing, slipping, and restoration of the Cartela at the existing slipway in Battery Point.
- As a first step, Government has agreed to provide \$112,000 to the Trust to undertake feasibility studies to determine whether the Cartela can be towed to, slipped, and restored at Battery Point, as well as progress regulatory approvals. Further funding under the \$1 million commitment is fully dependent upon this feasibility work, and the Trust obtaining all the required approvals.
- The Trust advises that the cost of restoring the Cartela cannot be determined until the ship is lifted out of the water and its hull inspected.
- The ability of the trust to complete the restoration will be dependent upon being able to raise the required funding.

Previous grant funding

- Since 2012, the Tasmanian Government has provided \$493,000 in grant funding to support restoration efforts for the Cartela, as summarised below:

| Year | Grant amount (\$) | Description |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2012 | 60,000 | Provided to assist with due diligence studies and to purchase the Cartela's original steam engine. |
| 2016 | 143,000 | Provided under the Tasmanian Community Fund (with a further \$75,000 provided by the Australian Government) to assist with refurbishment costs of the steam engine. It is State Growth's understanding that this project remains incomplete. |
| 2017 | 175,000 | Provided under the Community Infrastructure Fund to assist with the purchase of a barge, towage to Hobart, and raising the vessel from the water to advance restoration works. It was later determined that the barge was not fit for purpose, with subsequent approval provided to vary the grant purpose allowing the barge to be resold and the funds spent on restoration works to the Cartela. |
| 2017 | 115,000 | Provided to assist ongoing work related to the restoration, including a sponsorship fundraising plan, with a heavy emphasis on private funding thereafter. The sponsorship fundraising plan was written however, is yet to be implemented. |
| Total | 493,000 | |

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- **Steamship Cartela Restoration**

Responsible Minister – Premier – Jeremy Rockliff

- The Cartela is a historically important Tasmanian vessel which was built in Battery Point in 1912.
- The Cartela has a long history, from being leased to the Royal Australian Navy in World War 1, to transporting Tasmanians across the River Derwent after the collapse of the Tasman Bridge in 1975, and more recently hosting tourists, school groups and wedding parties, before being donated to the Steamship Cartela Trust in 2012 for restoration.
- The Tasmanian Government recognises the tourism potential of restoring the Cartela.
- In February 2023, the Tasmanian Government announced that it would provide a grant of \$1 million to the Trust to assist with the construction of a ship lift, to pave the way for her restoration.
- Unfortunately, since this time, the Trust has determined that it is not viable to construct the ship lift at Franklin for numerous reasons, however, has presented Government with an alternative proposal that would see the Cartela towed to, slipped, and restored at the shipyards in Battery Point.

Subject: STEAMSHIP CARTELA TRUST
Date prepared: 26 MAY 2023
Output Group: 5 CULTURAL AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
Output: 5.5 VISITOR ECONOMY SUPPORT

KEY INFORMATION

- In February 2023, the Premier and Minister for Tourism announced funding of \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust to assist the design and construction of a ship lift.
- The ship lift will be used to lift the Steamship Cartela out of the water to pave the way for the ship's restoration.
- In the future the ship lift will also be used to assist with the restoration and maintenance of other historically important wooden boats, supporting the vision of the Franklin Maritime Precinct.
- The Department of State Growth is currently working with the Steamship Cartela Trust on the terms and conditions of the grant.

TALKING POINTS

- The Cartela is an historically important Tasmanian vessel.
- The Cartela was built in Battery Point in 1912 – the same year the Titanic sunk.
- The Cartela has a long history, from being leased to the Royal Australian Navy in World War I, to transporting Tasmanians across the River Derwent after the collapse of the Tasman Bridge in 1975, and more recently hosting tourists, school groups and wedding parties, before being donated to the Steamship Cartela Trust in 2012 for restoration.

- On 10 February 2023, the Tasmanian Government announced that it would provide a grant of \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust to assist with the design and construction of a ship lift.
- This funding is expected to pave the way for restoration of the Cartela, as well as support the restoration and maintenance of other wooden boats in the future.
- Departmental staff are in contact with the proponents of the Steamship Cartela Trust and are progressing the terms and conditions of the grant.
- The Tasmanian Government has previously provided \$493,000 in grant funding for the restoration of the Cartela.

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Background

- The Cartela was most recently operated on the Derwent as a commercial vessel by the Navigators Group of companies (owned by the).
- In 2012, the Navigators Group donated the Cartela to the Steamship Cartela Trust, with the intent that the vessel would be restored.
- The purpose of the Steamship Cartela Trust is the promotion, restoration, and preservation of the Cartela.
- New \$1 million grant funding
- On 10 February 2023, the Premier and Minister for Tourism announced funding of \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust to assist with the design and construction of the ship lift.
- The estimated cost of the ship lift is \$1.5 million with the trust to raise the balance funds from other sources including philanthropic support.
- State Growth will be managing the terms and conditions associated with this \$1 million grant.
- The trust advises that the cost of restoring the Cartela cannot be determined until the ship is lifted out of the water and its hull inspected.
- The ability of the trust to complete the restoration will be dependent upon being able to raise the required funding.
- Previous grant funding
- Since 2012, the Tasmanian Government has provided \$493,000 in grant funding to support restoration efforts for the Cartela, as summarised below:

| Year | Grant amount (\$) | Description |
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| 2012 | 60,000 | Provided to assist with due diligence studies and to purchase the Cartela's original steam engine. |
| 2016 | 143,000 | Provided under the Tasmanian Community Fund (with a further \$75,000 provided by the Australian Government) to assist with refurbishment costs of the steam engine. It is the department's understanding that this project remains incomplete. |
| 2017 | 175,000 | Provided under the Community Infrastructure Fund to assist with the purchase of a barge, towage to Hobart, and raising the vessel from the water to advance restoration works. It was later determined that the barge was not fit for purpose, with subsequent approval provided to vary the grant purpose allowing the barge to be resold and the funds spent on restoration works to the Cartela. |
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Minute to the Minister for Tourism

SUBJECT: GRANT FUNDING OF \$1 MILLION TO THE STEAMSHIP CARTELA TRUST

Minister's notation:

Recommendation:

That you:

1. **NOTE** the contents of this Minute.
2. **NOTE** additional funding for the Cartela is subject to a Request for Additional Funding (RAF) to the Treasurer (see MIG23/84).
3. **APPROVE** grant funding of \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust, subject to an approved RAF, for the purpose of designing, building and installing a ship lift for the steamship Cartela as part of the Franklin Maritime Precinct.
4. **NOTE** that the Department of State Growth will administer this grant in accordance with the Treasurer's Instruction FC-12- Grant Management via a grant deed.
5. **DELEGATE** to the Deputy Secretary Business and Jobs the ability to approve the terms and conditions relating to the grant deed.
6. **NOTE** the draft Media Release attached to this Minute.

Current Situation:

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However, given the regional significance of this project, your approval is requested to provide funding of \$1 million to the Steamship Cartela Trust to allow this project to progress under your Ministerial discretion.

As part of the restoration, the Cartela Trust says it plans to work with service providers to provide Shipwright courses to create new skills pathways for Tasmanian workers.

The Cartela Trust also reports that it has received interest from interstate parties that would look to use the ship lift for their own restorations once the Steamship work is complete, potentially creating a future income stream as well as opportunities for skilled workers.

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It should be noted that completion of this project is estimated to cost \$1.47 million, plus estimated operational costs of \$97,230 annually, and it is reliant on the project receiving other funding as outlined below:

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The Department of State Growth would administer this grant in accordance with the Treasurer's Instruction FC-12- Grant Management via a grant deed.

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An immediate payment upon signing of the grant deed will be made to facilitate urgent repair and monitoring works on the steamship. However, further milestone payments will be subject to the following risk mitigation strategies:

- Acquittal of the previous grant funding under the Community Infrastructure fund.
- A new project plan including project milestones and completion dates must be submitted.
- External funding to be confirmed.

Communications Strategy:

The Business Tasmania division has prepared a media release for approval, provided as Attachment A to this Minute.

Background:

The Steamship Cartela Trust was established in March 2012 when the Cartela steamship was donated by the Navigators Group of Companies (owned by the) to enable full restoration of the vessel.

The objective of the Cartela Trust, stated to be on behalf of and for the benefit of the people of Tasmania, is to restore the vessel to full (historical) working order, for it to be financially self-supporting, and to deliver a world class tourism experience.

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Since 2013, the Tasmanian Government has provided \$493,000 in grant funding to support restoration efforts, s27

s27 A summary of this funding is provided below:

- \$60,000 in 2012 was provided to assist with due diligence studies and to purchase the Cartela's original steam engine.
- \$143,000 in 2016 was provided under the Tasmanian Community Fund (with a further \$75,000 provided by the Australian Government) to assist with refurbishment costs of the steam engine. It is the Department's understanding that this project remains incomplete.
- \$175,000 in August 2017 was allocated from the Community Infrastructure Fund. This project remains incomplete and has not yet been acquitted (see further information below).
- \$115,000 in December 2017 from the Department for the purposes of ongoing work related to the renovation project. This included \$30 000 for outsourcing the development and implementation of a Sponsorship Fundraising Plan, with a heavy emphasis on private funding thereafter. The Sponsorship Fundraising Plan was written however is yet to be implemented.

Community Infrastructure Fund

On 3 August 2017, the Cartela Trust was approved for funding of \$175,000 under the Community Infrastructure Fund.

The funding was provided to assist with the costs associated with the purchase of a barge, towage to Hobart, and raising the vessel from the water to advance restoration works.

Initially this project was scheduled to be completed and funding was due to be acquitted by 30 June 2020. Payment of the final instalment of \$49,000 was made in December 2020 with a revised project completion date of 30 June 2021.

While two instalments totalling \$126,000 have been fully acquitted, the final payment of \$49,000 has not yet been acquitted. In January 2023, the Department approved a third Grant Deed Variation to vary the date for the completion of the Approved Purpose from 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2023.

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Attachment A: Draft media release

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Jeremy Rockliff, Premier

Full steam ahead for Cartela project

The Steamship Cartela Trust can now progress the restoration of the iconic vessel with the assistance of \$1 million from the Tasmanian Government.

The Trust plans to complete a full restoration of the Cartela steamship delivering a world-class tourism experience in Franklin.

Subject to the Steamship Cartela Trust securing additional funding from local and federal governments, the \$1 million will be used to build and install a ship lift for the steamship as part of the Franklin Maritime Precinct.

The Tasmanian Government is a strong supporter of this project and has provided \$493,000 since 2013 to allow the Trust to progress its vision.

The tourism potential for the Franklin Foreshore was identified as a priority concept in Tourism Tasmania's "Reimagining our Regions" document, and the Cartela restoration project complements plans for the Wooden Boat Centre to be expanded.

We look forward to working with the Steamship Cartela Trust to return this rare piece of Tasmanian history to the waters.

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