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## **DEMOCRATS SUPPORT KI DEVELOPMENT BOARD PUSH FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAY SUBSIDY FOR KI FERRY**

Australian Democrats candidate for Mayo Andrew Castrique has today announced that he supports the KI Development Board in their push to get National Highway funding for KI ferry services.

“The Democrats are pressing for funding to reduce ferry fares for freight and KI residents, increasing the island’s attractiveness for business,” said Andrew Castrique, Democrats candidate for Mayo.

“The Democrats want a full upgrade of ferry facilities at Penneshaw and Cape Jervis to allow for the entry of a competitor to Sealink ferries and an upgrade of facilities at Kingscote to encourage competition in the KI ferry market.”

“With the island still recovering from devastating bushfires, the KI economy needs all the assistance it can get.”

“After all, the ferry is Kangaroo Island’s lifeline to the mainland and its main trading route,” concluded Mr Castrique.

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