



Community Bulletin

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Ferry Services Schedule Review

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Cocos (Keeling) Islanders are invited to contribute to a review of ferry services in line with the *Our Cocos (Keeling) Islands 2030 Strategic Plan* (https://www.regional.gov.au/territories/publications/files/CCS1815-CKI-Strategic-Plan-Final-March-2019.pdf).

In the plan, the community called for ferry services, including timetables, to be reviewed to increase social harmony through expanded opportunities for inter-island interaction and community engagement.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development will assess the current usage and benefits of the existing ferry service schedule, and will look at how potential changes may better support the socioeconomic activities of both islands.

The department is welcoming suggestions from local people and businesses on alternative or additional services/times, with community consultation drop in sessions to be held on Home Island on 14 August from 4pm to 7pm at the Indian Ocean Group Training Association building, and on West Island on 15 August from 4pm to 7pm at the Community Resource Centre.

Input and suggestions can also be emailed to <u>indianoceanterritories@infrastructure.gov.au</u> (by no later than Friday 30 August 2019).

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