

**20150625 Item 5.6.11 Report SMBI Translink Operations Special Charge -
Amendment to Overall Plan**

Objective Reference:	A198125 Reports and Attachments (Archives)
Attachment:	Amended Overall Plan SMBI TransLink Operations Special Charge 2015-2016
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PURPOSE

This report presents an amendment to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands Translink Operations Special charge Overall Plan for the benefited land identified as all rateable properties on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands of Karragarra, Lamb, Macleay, Perulpa and Russell Islands, excluding land categorised for differential general rate purposes as rating category 10.

BACKGROUND

19 June 2013 – Council resolved to raise a special charge in the annual budget for 2013-2014 to fund the contribution agreed to under the Funding Agreement executed 18 December 2012 for ferry operations to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands between Redland City Council and the State of Queensland (acting through the Department of Transport and Main Roads).

27 June 2013 – Council adopted the Southern Moreton Bay Islands TransLink Operations Special Charge Overall Plan and the 2013-2014 Annual Implementation Plan.

26 June 2014 – Council adopted the Southern Moreton Bay Islands TransLink Operations 2014-2015 Annual Implementation Plan.

ISSUES

The State of Queensland (the State) and Redland City Council (RCC) agree they wish to promote and improve public transport to all communities in Redland City. Both are committed to the staged extension of public transport services between Weinam Creek and the Southern Moreton Bay Islands to reduce the costs of living and broaden the economic benefits to these Islands.

On 18 December 2012, RCC entered into a funding agreement with the State for TransLink to provide ferry operations between Weinam Creek, Karragarra, Lamb, Macleay, Perulpa and Russell Islands for a trial period of 2½ years, referred to as the Southern Moreton Bay Islands Transport Operations trial, which provides public transport services to the Benefited Land.

The time period for the Southern Moreton Bay Islands Transport Operations trial was 1 July 2013 to 1 January 2016 and extension beyond that would be subject to further negotiation between the parties.

Council has determined that it is in the interests of the community for the trial to be extended and negotiations with the State are ongoing. The Southern Moreton Bay Islands Translink Operations Special charge will be adopted for the full financial year 2015-2016 subject to the continuation of the trial.

The amendments put forward to the Overall Plan for adoption are:

- a) Increase the estimate cost for carrying out the Overall Plan in year 3 to \$962,084; and
- b) Extend the time for carrying out the Overall Plan to 30 June 2016.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Legislative Requirements

Section 92(3) of the *Local Government Act 2009* (LGA) requires that for a special rate or charge to be levied the service, facility or activity has to have a special association with particular land.

Section 94(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation) requires the resolution to levy special rates or charges must identify the rateable land to which the special rates or charges apply and the overall plan for the service, facility or activity to which the special rates or charges apply.

Section 94(4) of the Regulation requires the overall plan must be adopted before, or at the same time as the local government first resolves to levy the special rates or charges.

Section 94(9) of the Regulation permits the Council, at any time, to amend an overall plan by resolution.

Section 94(15) of the Regulation enables that a local government may make and levy a special rate or charge for a service, facility or activity whether or not the services is supplied or undertaken by the local government.

Risk Management

The adoption of a special charge for the payment of the financial obligations under the funding agreement will provide transparency for the SMBI residents and ratepayers in the benefited area regarding the purpose of the funds collected.

Financial

It is proposed the SMBI TransLink Operations Special Charge will be set at \$89.31 for 2015-2016.

The amount for the 2015-2016 financial year for the Annual Implementation Plan is \$962,084 subject to continuation of the trial.

People

Nil impact expected.

Environmental

Nil impact expected.

Social

Nil impact expected.

Alignment with Council's Policy and Plans

This report aligns with Council's Corporate Plan 2015-2020:

2. Green Living

2.5 Transport planning reflects a desire to maximise economic, environmental and liveability outcomes through quality road design, public transport, pedestrian and cycling strategies.

3. Supportive and vibrant economy

6.1 Council supports infrastructure that encourages business and tourism growth.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has been held with Councillors, the Executive Leadership Group, senior management of City Infrastructure, Financial Services and General Counsel.

OPTIONS

Option 1

That Council resolve to amend the Southern Moreton Bay Islands TransLink Operations Special charge Overall Play by:

- a) Increasing the estimated cost for carrying out the Overall Plan in year 3 to \$962,084; and
- b) Extending the time for carrying out the Overall Plan to 30 June 2016.

Option 2

That Council resolve to request further information.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

Amend the Southern Moreton Bay Islands TransLink Operations Special charge Overall Plan by:

- a) Increasing the estimated cost for carrying out the Overall Plan in year 3 to \$962,084; and**
- b) Extending the time for carrying the Overall Plan to 30 June 2016.**

Overall Plan

Southern Moreton Bay Islands TransLink Operations Special Charge

Council makes this Overall Plan for the Southern Moreton Bay Islands Translink Operations Special Charge in accordance with section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Description of Service, Facility or Activity

In accordance with clause 4 of the Funding Agreement for Ferry Operations to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands executed 18 December 2012 Council has agreed to pay the annual funding amount to the State of Queensland through the Department of Transport and Main Roads (the State).

For its part the State has agreed to use the annual funding amount for the purpose of providing ticketing and state services.

Ticketing services includes all services necessary to provide Go Card including, but not limited to the provision and maintenance of the ticketing hardware system and includes the trial of ticketing integration of the Southern Moreton Bay Island Service into the TransLink mass transit area.

State services include:

- Southern Moreton Bay Island ferry routes between Weinam Creek Karragarra, Lamb, Macleay, Perulpa and Russell Islands to be known as a Translink route
- A trial integration of the SMBI route into the TransLink mass transit network. This includes the utilisation of a single integrated ticket for travel across the Translink network in South East Queensland and access to related products and benefits from 1 July 2013.
- Inter-Island travel between SMBI islands free of charge for Island Resident passengers utilising a paper ticket.
- All ancillary and incidental activities to procure, provide, manage and promote the service, including representation at the steering committee.

Land to which the Special Charge will be Applied

All rateable properties on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands of Karragarra, Lamb, Macleay, Perulpa and Russell Islands, excluding land categorised for differential general rate purposes as rating category 10.

Estimated Cost for Carrying out the Overall Plan

Expenditure	Year 1 2013/2014	Year 2 2014/2015	Year 3 2015/2016

Estimated Time for Carrying out the Overall Plan

1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016