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**Ferry trial first step to developing new, sustainable
transport option**

The RACT has welcomed the launch of the Derwent ferry trial.

RACT Chief Advocacy Officer, Garry Bailey, said it was important to use the trial to understand what's needed to establish a new, sustainable transport option to link both sides of the Derwent.

"We should see this for what it is - a trial," Mr Bailey said.

"This is an opportunity to look at what works, what doesn't and understand precisely what we need to do to build a sustainable transport option across the Derwent.

"It's the first step in a bigger project to utilise ferries to link communities, and provide more effective public transport options.

"What's clear though is that any solution will need to integrate buses, active transport options like bikes, car parking facilities and timetables that mean people can get where they need to go easily and quickly.

"Simply getting a ferry on the water is just the beginning and we know there is still a lot of work to do, but we congratulate the Government on taking the initiative and we encourage them to learn the lessons from this trial and use it as a base to develop further ferry links across the Derwent."