

October 25th, 2023

Re: Support for the AquaLink application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program

To: Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program,

To whom it may concern,

As the Southern Gulf Islands Area Director, I am pleased to express support for The Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership's funding request for the implementation phase of the AquaLink Project. I acknowledge the valuable contribution that AquaLink has made to the Southern Gulf Islands during its Pilot Project, and its continued success in the future would be a huge asset for our region.

AquaLink has significantly improved the connectivity between our five islands, offering a convenient mode of travel for both residents and tourists while reducing the reliance on cars. I see the positive impact that AquaLink has had on tourism throughout the islands, encouraging longer visits as guests can easily explore multiple islands with the assurance of a reliable and scheduled service. This initiative is set to stimulate many aspects of our local economy, including job creation, increased tourism, and improved inter-island trade and transport.

This project serves as a prime example of a collaborative effort among our islands. I wholeheartedly endorse their funding application to ensure the ongoing success of the AquaLink Project.

Sincerely,



Paul Brent
Capital Region Electoral Area Director,
Southern Gulf Islands