

Resolution Title: ROSYTH-ZEEBRUGGE FERRY LINK

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Resolution Text:

Conference welcomes the news of the proposed reopening of the Rosyth to Zeebrugge ferry route and commends the efforts of all those that have campaigned for years to achieve this much.

Conference recognises that Scotland is historically a maritime nation and the economic benefits we have enjoyed from our close connection to the sea date back well over a thousand years.

Conference deplores that decades of inaction and underinvestment by Westminster has led to this situation where our international ferry services have atrophied to such an extent that we have no mainland ferry link to continental Europe.

Conference resolves to set a timescale, of the end of this Scottish Parliament, to consult with coastal communities through a deliberative consultation model, to ensure all needs and requirements are taken into account, particularly those of island communities, and to establish an ambitious Maritime Strategy which will meet an independent Scotland's business, tourism, and international maritime trading requirements.

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