

Our Ref: GP/im
 Your Ref:
 enquiry@glenelg.vic.gov.au
 Web Site: www.glenelg.vic.gov.au

27 April 2005

The Secretary
 Transport and Regional Services Committee
 House of Representatives
 Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretariat

Re: Green Triangle Region Transport Corridor

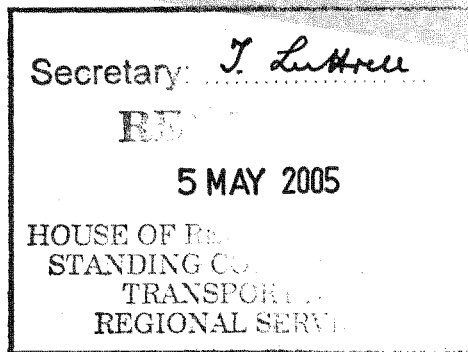
The Glenelg Shire Council is pleased to have the opportunity to provide information for the consideration of the Integration of Regional Road and Rail Networks and their Connectivity to Ports Inquiry. This submission to the Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services is presented on behalf of South West Victoria / South East South Australia.

Local Governments on both sides of the border believe that the freight transport infrastructure is not adequate to deal with expected future freight increases. A sustainable transport system needs to be developed for regional exports from the Green Triangle Region, particularly focussing on the significant growth in timber products but also catering for growth in grain and manufactured products from the region.

Detailed information on development of capacity, safety and sustainability of the Green Triangle transport corridor, which extends from the upper South East of SA, through Mt Gambier to the Port of Portland in Western Victoria is provided as an attachment. This information is sourced from a Green Triangle Transport Network Project Proposal.

The Standing Committees attention should also be drawn to the Victorian Ports Strategic Framework, November 2004 published by Victorian Governments Department of Infrastructure which can be found on www.doi.vic.gov.au. Contained within this framework is a reference to greater access in relation to the Port of Portland should the Mt Gambier to Heywood rail line be reopened and standardised.

Currently the Port of Portland is undertaking port development planning and the next step will also involve both the State Government and the Glenelg Shire Council. This



CLIFF STREET,
 PORTLAND,
 VICTORIA, 3305.

P. O. BOX 152,
 PORTLAND,
 VICTORIA, 3305.

TELEPHONE:
 (03) 5522 2200

FACSIMILE:
 (03) 5522 2290

AUSDOC:
 DX 30509
 PORTLAND

ABN 48 217 289 490

step will involve working together to prepare a Strategic Land Use Plan for the Port of Portland and is expected to commence in the forthcoming July.

The announcement of the Integration of Regional Road and Rail Networks and their Connectivity to Ports Inquiry is indeed timely and the Glenelg Shire Council sincerely thanks the Standing Committee for the opportunity to present this information. It is respectfully requested that the urgent freight infrastructure needs of the Green Triangle Region Transport Corridor are given due consideration.

Should further information be required on this submission then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Garry Purton, Development Services Manager on (03) 5522 2330 or email: gpurton@glenelg.vic.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Stephens', written in a cursive style.

Cr. Karen Stephens

Mayor