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Mr Ian Dundas  
Committee Secretary  
House of Representatives Standing Committee  
on Primary Industries and Regional Services  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Dundas

Thank you for your letter of 22 February 1999 to the Secretary of this Department, Dr Calvert, regarding the inquiry by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services into infrastructure and the development of Australia's regional areas. I am responding on behalf of Dr Calvert.

Please find enclosed a submission to the inquiry from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. I appreciate your extending the deadline for submissions to allow us to make a submission at this stage. If you have any queries about the submission please contact Richard de Ferranti, Trade and Economic Analysis Branch, on 6261-1811.

Yours sincerely

(signed)

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Assistant Secretary  
Trade and Economic Analysis Branch