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Dear Mr Crawford,

***INQUIRY INTO COASTAL SHIPPING POLICY AND  
REGULATION - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION***

On 7 May 2008 I appeared before the Inquiry into Coastal Shipping Policy and Regulation in Adelaide, representing the South Australian Government. During the hearing, the Committee identified three topics where additional information was requested. This information is provided below.

1. *Further details on coastal shipping services in South Australia (p. 11)*  
These details can be found in the Flinders Ports User Guide, which is available at: <http://www.flindersports.com.au/pdf/PtUserGuideShippingServices.pdf>.
2. *Has the Adelaide to Darwin rail fulfilled its ambitions as being the second outlet for South Australia in terms of Asian shipping? (p. 12)*

Since the completion of the Adelaide to Darwin rail line in October 2003, there have been increases in the volume of exports in products that exit through Darwin yet originate in South Australia. In 2002/03, the freight volume was 1,351 tonnes and, by 2006/07, the volume had increased to 5,131 tonnes. The export volume peaked at 8,891 tonnes in 2004/05.

FreightLink, the freight rail operator, predicts further increases in the Adelaide to Darwin freight task. These increases are likely to come from general freight and also new developments and expansions in South Australia's mining sector.

3. *The Green Triangle Freight Summit Outcomes and South East Freight Transport Plan (p.15)*

A copy of the Outcome from the Green Triangle Summit is attached. The Plan for freight transport in the South East/Limestone Coast region of South Australia is available at:

[http://www.transport.sa.gov.au/pdfs/freight/A Plan for Freight Transport for the South East.pdf](http://www.transport.sa.gov.au/pdfs/freight/A%20Plan%20for%20Freight%20Transport%20for%20the%20South%20East.pdf)

Please contact me or Peter Hollister (telephone (08) 8303 0981) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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## **GREEN TRIANGLE COMMON STATEMENT**

A Green Triangle Freight Summit was convened by the Victorian and South Australian Governments on 9 May 2008 in Portland and Mt. Gambier.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Summit was to enable the Victorian Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas, and the South Australian Minister for Transport, Patrick Conlon, to be briefed by industry and local government representatives on the impact on the regional transport network of the harvesting of timber plantations in the Green Triangle from 2009 onwards.

The timber freight task needs to be managed in the context of the total freight task in the Green Triangle region, taking account of existing and forecast growth volumes in mineral sands, grain, livestock and other bulk products.

### **Presentations**

Presentations were made by:

- Timber companies;
- Port of Portland;
- South Australian Freight Logistics Council;
- Victorian Freight and Logistics Council;
- South Australian Road Transport Association;
- Glenelg Shire Council; and
- South East Local Government Association.

### **Outcomes of the Summit**

Actions that Ministers decided would be undertaken arising from the Summit were:

- Development of a Freight Action Plan for the region, with a draft to be completed by State and local government officials by December 2008;
- Establishment of a Cross-Border Regulatory Efficiencies Taskforce to identify regulatory barriers to the efficient and seamless movement of freight between the two States;
- The Freight Summit would continue to be convened on an ongoing basis twice-yearly; and
- Joint advocacy should be undertaken by Government and industry to the Commonwealth Government to highlight the strategic value to national supply chain efficiency of addressing constraints in the Green Triangle transport network.

The following conclusions emerged from the Summit discussion.

- The Action Plan should draw on extensive regional transport planning work already completed in both States, including by local government and port authorities.
- The Plan should not replicate this but instead update and bring it together.
- An important role for State Governments is coordination and leadership.
- High Productivity Freight Vehicles (HPFVs) have a vital role to play in moving large volumes of wood chips efficiently and with reduced impacts on communities and amenity. This requires upgrades to infrastructure and regulatory approvals within the Performance Based Standards (PBS) framework.
- It is very important to manage social, environmental and urban amenity issues. We must bring communities with us. Research shows communities are willing to support the deployment of larger and/or higher productivity freight vehicles if it means fewer truck movements in their towns and cities.
- Land use planning should protect both urban amenity and critical freight corridors with appropriate reservations and buffers.

### Green Triangle Freight Summit Attendees

The Hon Patrick Conlon, Minister for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, South Australia

The Hon Tim Pallas, Minister for Roads and Ports, Victoria

Matt Pinnegar, Chief of Staff to Minister Conlon

Mark Elford, South Australian Department Transport for Energy and Infrastructure

Rob Richards, South Australian Department Transport for Energy and Infrastructure

Felicity Strong, Minister Pallas' Ports Advisor

Fiona Macrae, Minister Pallas' Media Advisor

Lachlan McDonald, Department of Transport, Victoria

Stephen Smith, Department of Transport, Victoria

Anita Mousa, Department of Transport, Victoria

Gary Liddle, Chief Executive, VicRoads

Craig Barrass, Manager Transport Infrastructure, Regional Development Victoria

Scott Paterson, Chief Executive, Port of Portland

Jim Cooper, Special Projects, Port of Portland

Darek Stec, General Manager, Operations Port of Portland

Anita Rank, Executive Officer, Committee for Portland

Neil Murphy, General Manager, South Australian Freight Council (SAFC) - presenter

Steve Shearer, Executive Officer, South Australian Road transport Assoc (SARTA) - presenter

Cr Steve Perryman, Mayor City of Mt Gambier and President of SELGA - presenter

Rob Forgan, SELGA

Rose Elphick, Victorian Freight and Logistics Council

Cr Geoff White, Mayor, Glenelg Shire

Stuart Burdack, Chief Executive, Glenelg Shire

Brett Stonestreet, Moyne Shire, CEO

Cr Marcus Rentsch, Mayor Southern Grampians Shire Council

Tim Neeson, Executive Manager Economic Development and Tourism, Southern Grampians Shire Council

Tim Browning, Timbercorp - presenter

Tony Price, Great Southern Plantations - presenter

Carl Richardson, General Manager, ITC Ltd

Steve Walker, Manager South West Fibre P/L (Myamyn Wood Chip Mill)

Tammy Doughty, South West Fibre P/L (Myamyn Wood Chip Mill)

Todd Loydell, Senior Policy Analyst, National Association of Forest Industries

Andrew Maxwell, Iluka Resources