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The Hon John Murphy MP
Chair
Standing Committee on Petitions
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Dear Mr Murphy

Thank you for your letter dated 13 October 2011 about the petition regarding federal funding for the F3 to Sydney Orbital design works.

The Australian Government made available \$150 million to the NSW Government for planning activities for the F3 to Sydney Orbital Link project. This funding was provided on the basis that NSW provide a 20% contribution to the project. Within the period from the commencement of the Nation Building Program in July 2008 to the May 2011 Federal Budget, no commitment was made by the NSW Government to this project.

I understand that NSW is currently re-evaluating its infrastructure priorities through the development of a 20-year state infrastructure strategy, which assesses the needs of NSW in terms of infrastructure. The NSW Government is being assisted in this process by the newly established Infrastructure NSW.

Last year the Australian Government tasked Infrastructure Australia to undertake work to investigate private financing options for the F3 to Sydney Orbital and the M5 East extension. The outcome of its examination of options will help guide future decisions around this project.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

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