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Supplementary Submission from Peter Brohier.

Would you also inform Senator Heffernan and the Committee that if the Bass Strait schemes are not enhanced and/or incorporated in Auslink and are not required to deliver full equalisation, they could be described as a subsidy and, in my view, every offshore island would be equally entitled to come to Canberra and ask for similar treatment.

Bass Strait infrastructure or equalisation should be confined to apply to deliver Auslink equivalence to the only interstate corridor not linked.

Whether Auslink amounts to payments for infrastructure or on-going Commonwealth payments, this expenditure should deliver a similar outcome for travel and the movement of freight on the route Melbourne to Hobart as any other part of the National network. The position I advocate is the only strong, confined and effective National policy that should apply to this link.

Will you regard this last paragraph as my 3rd submission.

Many thanks
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