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Preparing Advice for Victoria's Future Port Capacity – Discussion Paper

Dear Michel

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Infrastructure Victoria's discussion paper *Preparing Advice for Victoria's Future Port Capacity*.

The Australian Logistics Council, the peak industry body for Australia's logistics industry, supports a thorough analysis of Victoria's future freight needs, including consideration of the State's future port capacity.

ALC believes, however, that this matter needs to be examined within a broader national context to help support more informed decision making from both a planning and investment perspective.

As you are aware, ALC supports Infrastructure Australia's proposal to develop a National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy to map nationally significant supply chains and their access to supporting infrastructure.

Accordingly, ALC is of view that detailed investigations into Victoria's next container port, including when it may be required and where it could potentially be located, should form part of the proposed National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy.

This would help to ensure that any future decisions on increasing Victoria's port capacity would be made within a national framework which we believe is critical to achieving more efficient freight movements.

ALC will provide further feedback on improving port supply chain efficiency, including comments on investment and planning, in its submission on Infrastructure Victoria's 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy.

Please contact me on 0418 627 995 or at Michael.kilgariff@austlogistics.com.au should you wish to discuss this submission further.

Yours sincerely



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