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RE: Committee for Geelong submission to Victorian Government's Independent Review of the Victorian Ports System – Discussion Paper

The Committee for Geelong is a membership-based organisation that provides strategic leadership to benefit the economic potential of the Geelong city-region. With 140 member organisations from a broad range of industries, our members include local, national and international organisations and individuals who set aside commercial gain, sectoral interests and personal perspectives to provide a united voice on the issues facing Geelong.

Submission to Victorian Government's Independent Review of the Victorian Ports System discussion paper:

The Committee for Geelong welcomes the opportunity to have greater efficiencies to drive productivity gains and economic growth through our ports system, however, consideration needs to be given to ensure that:

- The services and safety processes are maintained or improved on current levels;
- Regional Victoria and its port infrastructure, management and future needs are seen as paramount to the ports system;
- Any new legislation, charter, governance structure or regulation maintains fairness, focus and equity across all ports in Victoria and protects regional interests;
- The Victorian Regional Channels Authority and its role as a local community and corporate citizen is maintained in any new structure as a vital contributor to the Geelong and regional economy; and
- The importance of freight, supply chain and logistics as part of Victoria's transport system is elevated and recognised as a vital economic contributor to local, state and national interests.

I trust that you will include these considerations as you review the Victorian Ports System and if you require further details, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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