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Dear Cr Majdlik

Thank you for your letter of 3 June 2021, concerning intermodal terminal options in Melbourne. I am sorry it has taken me so long to respond.

I appreciate you outlining your support of a future intermodal terminal at Truganina, noting the substantial cost and delivery risks of connecting Truganina to key freight routes means further scoping and investigation work is required.

The Australian Government is working with the Victorian Government to investigate the potential locations for the development of a new intermodal terminal in Melbourne. A new intermodal terminal is required in Melbourne to support the future freight task within the state, as well as to realise full benefits of Inland Rail upon commencement of services.

The Victorian Government's *Victorian Freight Plan: Delivering the Goods 2018* has identified the future development of intermodal terminals at two potential sites for the intermodal terminal: one at Beveridge, north of Melbourne, and the other at Truganina, west of Melbourne.

The Australian and Victorian governments are currently jointly undertaking a detailed business case to consider the development of an intermodal terminal in Melbourne capable of supporting Inland Rail. The Australian Government has committed up to \$10 million towards the business case, on a joint 50:50 funding basis with the Victorian Government who are responsible for the delivery of the business case, to consider the terminal location and connection to inland rail as well as matters including market access/operating models, financing options and value capture opportunities.

Further scoping and investigations will need be undertaken on both locations (Beveridge and Truganina) before a final decision is made. The decision on a location will consider a range of factors including cost, program, economics and project risks, and is subject to Australian Government consideration and negotiations between the Australian and Victorian governments.

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Appendix 1 Letter from Paul Fletcher MP – Federal Member for Bradfield, Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities & the Arts – Intermodal terminal options in Melbourne - dated 31 July 2021

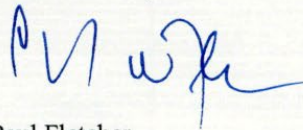
The Australian Government is providing an investment of up to \$61.8 million towards kick-starting further planning and design development of a new Melbourne intermodal terminal jointly with the Victorian Government, in addition to the Australian Government's further commitment of up to \$2 billion to the delivery of a new intermodal terminal in Melbourne, creating around 1,350 jobs during peak construction and a further 550 jobs during peak operation. These investments by the Australian Government towards the Melbourne intermodal terminal are contingent on a matching contribution by the Victorian Government.

The Australian Government has also committed \$10 million towards a detailed business case to investigate the planning, design development and delivery along Melbourne's Outer Metropolitan Ring and E6 Corridor to support the future construction of this proposed transport link, to be developed jointly with the Victorian Government, on a 50:50 funding basis.

Planning for intermodal terminal options could also form part of negotiations under the North West Melbourne City Deal, which is currently under development by all three levels of government.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. I hope the information in this letter is of some help.

Yours sincerely



Paul Fletcher

31/7/2021