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*Michael*  
Dear Mr Yiend

**SIMTA - Moorebank Intermodal Terminal**

Thank you for your letter of 26 October 2011 concerning SIMTA's development proposal for an intermodal terminal at Moorebank.

As discussed at our meeting of 12 October 2011, the Australian Government is continuing to progress the feasibility study for its proposed intermodal terminal. The study will include consideration of the implications of SIMTA's proposed development. The Commonwealth continues to consult with SIMTA and other interested parties on plans for the Commonwealth land at the School of Military Engineering site.

Since our meeting, the Moorebank Project Office has advised that the absence of consent does not prevent SIMTA from continuing with its Concept Plan Application. It is not the intent of the Commonwealth to impede SIMTA's proposed development, noting any activity on the Defence National Storage and Distribution Centre site will need to be considered within the context of the Department of Defence lease options.

Given that the study for the Australian Government's proposed intermodal terminal at Moorebank is still to be finalised, the Commonwealth is unable to make any decision on providing consent to SIMTA or any interested third party until the outcomes of the detailed business case have been considered.

I look forward to discussing SIMTA's broader intermodal plans at our forthcoming meeting on 29 November 2011.

Yours sincerely

Mike Mrdak

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