

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
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Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

22 November 2011

Dear Minister,

Timely delivery of a port shuttle at Moorebank

You have been an active supporter of an intermodal terminal at Moorebank for many years.

As Mike Zorbas has communicated to your Chief of Staff and Departmental Secretary, I am writing to seek an urgent meeting to discuss our consortium's concerns about the Australian Government's plans for the site adjacent to our own and to press the case for coordinated planning of the Moorebank intermodal precinct. Proposed attendees at the meeting would be you, Minister Gray, Mike Mrdak, Michael Deegan, Maurice James, Managing Director of Qube Logistics, John Schroder, CEO Commercial Property, Stockland and myself. We seek a meeting convenient to you in the next fortnight and prior to Cabinet consideration.

The meeting would respond to the recent calls in the *Financial Review* by Sir Rod Eddington and Nick Greiner for a summit on the future of the Moorebank precinct.

As you know, our consortium, which operates 7 other intermodal terminals across the country, is well progressed in the NSW planning system and our proposed port shuttle can be operational in 2 years (the alternative being 2018 at great expense to the taxpayer). That will require the MPO to reverse its current refusal to provide landowner's consent for rail access to the private sector site.

Additionally, the high financial and opportunity costs of the non-complimentary MPO concept plan, arising from the current multi-departmental Federal process, are now acknowledged across industry, by Infrastructure Australia and by the NSW Government. Moreover, the virtues and timelines of the currently competing proposals will be thrown into stark relief by the public lodgement of our Environmental Assessment with the NSW Government this Friday.

We believe now is the time for you to sponsor a strategic, whole-of-precinct planning meeting – with all necessary probity – that considers our plan for an operational port shuttle as its logical starting point on the basis that it can be provided for the benefit of the people of NSW, when they need it. A plan that will create the following benefits five years earlier than any alternative:

- Port Botany productivity and transport efficiency;
- Port leaseback revenue benefits for NSW;
- Congestion and pollution reduction on the M5 and at Port Botany; and
- Efficient planning outcomes across the adjacent sites, including more than \$800,000,000 in up-front savings to the government and 4000 jobs once the port shuttle is at capacity.

The first step in this process is a brief meeting in November as proposed. As I mentioned our concerns about Moorebank to the Prime Minister at the Business Council dinner, I have copied Ben Hubbard on this request. If agreeable, please ask your office to call Mike Zorbas on 02 9035 2549 to arrange the meeting.

Kind regards,



Graham Bradley AM
Chairman of Stockland

cc: Ben Hubbard, Office of the Prime Minister