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Dear Premier *Barry,*

I am pleased to advise that the Australian Government has decided to establish an intermodal terminal (IMT) at Moorebank. The project will be located on the 220 hectare School of Military Engineering site at Moorebank, following the relocation of the Moorebank defence units to Holsworthy at the end of 2014.

This decision will provide certainty that capacity to meet freight demand will be available by 2017. This will support our shared ambition to reduce congestion in Sydney to boost productivity and make it a more liveable city and can only enhance the sale price of Port Botany. By 2020 this is expected to result in 3,300 less trucks on the road each day than would otherwise be the case.

I note your earlier views and correspondence on the proposed development at Moorebank, in particular about the need for private sector participation and the proposal for a terminal and port shuttle at the adjacent privately-owned site.

The Australian Government's aim is to make available for private sector development one of the last large and strategically located parcels of land in Western Sydney suitable for both port shuttle and interstate activities. Our intention is that the terminal will be built and operated by the private sector.

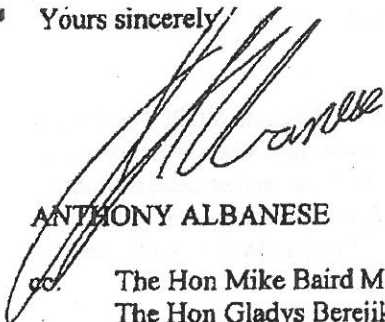
The development of the Moorebank IMT will be overseen by a Commonwealth Government Business Enterprise (GBE) which will be established with a commercial board to be drawn from the private sector. While the GBE will be required to optimise private sector funding, development and operation of the IMT will include Government support to ensure the development of the IMT within the timeframe we have set. Once the IMT is established and operational, it is our intention to privatise the GBE.

The opportunity will be made available to all interested parties from the private sector through a competitive tender process. Our market soundings demonstrate that there is a large number of private sector parties interested in this opportunity, each with its own competitive advantage that it could bring to the new terminal.

It is also expected there would be significant complementary development by the private sector in the broader Moorebank area including through the development of warehousing and other services.

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Yours sincerely



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cc.

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