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Due at MPS:

11/05/2017

OFFICE ADVICE

TIMEFRAME

- ☒ Standard (10 days)
☐ Urgent (5 days)
☐ Other:

ACTION

Reply:

- ☒ Minister
☐ Chief of Staff
☐ Department

Refer:

- ☐ State / territory Minister (Chief of Staff reply):
☐ Commonwealth Minister (MPS reply):

Other:

- ☐ Brief
☐ Department to determine appropriate action
☐ File – for information only
☐ Standard words

COMMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

RECEIVED MPS
28 APR 2017

Adviser: MH

Date: 26/4/2017

☐ Call DLO to discuss

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

Referred to adviser

AW	MH	SC
MD	BC	BS
JT	NH	

Date referred: 20/4/2017

DLO: AT SP

Referred to division

A&A	LG&T	STP
Corp	OTS	WSU
II	P&R	

☐ Please seek input from other division/agency:

Other information

- ☐ Referred from:
☐ Relates to PDMS item/s:



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18 April 2017

The Honourable Darren Chester MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Deputy Leader of the House
Suite M1 26 Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Email: minister.chester@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Minister

We understand the decision on the proposed route for the Inland Rail is imminent and wanted to reaffirm Wagners commitment to the project.

As the owner and operator of Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport and the holder of a very large parcel of land close to Toowoomba, we believe it is absolutely imperative that the inland rail come via the airport.

As you know we have a scheduled 747-800 Cathay aircraft departing Wellcamp weekly and we expect that to increase to three times per week later in the year. This service is the only scheduled service out of any regional port in Australia and is growing quickly.

When the study for the original route was undertaken, Wellcamp was not even on the drawing board let alone operational and as a result, we believe it necessary for the alignment proposed in 2010 to be reconsidered.

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In summary, we believe that Wellcamp is the obvious choice for a construction works depot to service the construction needs and further strengthen the case to bring the Inland Rail via the Wellcamp Airport.

There has been some discussion of a potential spur line to Wellcamp from the 2010 proposed route. We do not believe that this would stack up commercially or it would achieve the efficiencies and service offerings required.

Minister, we firmly believe that Wellcamp should be an absolute priority for the Inland Rail route and can only add value to this national building project.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards


John Wagner

Director

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