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Dear Mr Rowse

Inquiry into the South Australian bulk grain export supply chain costs – variation to terms of reference

Thank you for the letter seeking a variation to the terms of reference for the inquiry into the South Australian bulk grain export supply chain costs.

I understand that the study currently being undertaken by Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre (AEGIC) into grain supply chain costs across Australia is now anticipated to be released in February 2018 and ESCOSA are seeking a variation to allow sufficient time to analyse the AEGIC study.

As a result of the variation being sought and the 97th report of the Economic and Finance Committee, *From the Paddock to the Plate – a fair return for producers*, being tabled in November 2017 I am seeking ESCOSA to consider the evidence provided to the Committee as detailed in Chapter 12 of the Committee's report.

To allow sufficient time for ESCOSA to consider the AEGIC report and the Economic and Finance Committee 97th Report I have approved a revised date for the draft report on part 1 of the inquiry being submitted to the Treasurer by no later than 30 June 2018.

I have also approved a revised date for the submission of the final report to the Treasurer on part 1 (and part 2 if needed) of no later than four months after the draft report has been submitted to the Treasurer.

Please contact Ms Jane Burton, Manager, Budget, Analysis and Performance, Department of Treasury and Finance on 8429 0595 should you have any queries regarding the revised terms of reference.

Yours sincerely


Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Treasurer
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