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Dear Sir

SA RAIL ACCESS REGIME REVIEW

I refer to the draft report, *South Australian Rail Access Regime Review*, which was released on 5 June 2015 for public comment.

I am pleased to advise that the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) has reviewed the draft report and supports the draft recommendation.

With regard to possible improvements to the existing access regime:

1. The creation of a centralised information repository is supported. This would be best managed by the Commission, but DPTI is keen to assist by sharing existing information and resources that may support this process.
2. The integration or alignment of transport access regimes has been identified as an enabler of future growth and there are opportunities to explore this in the development of a freight strategy for South Australia.
3. The relative market power of rail compared to road is considered to be low in the context of railways subject to the Regime. While rail can compete effectively over short distances for larger volumes, the intrastate network does not provide the length of haul to support effective consolidation of smaller volumes onto rail.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Regime. Should the Commission wish to discuss this matter in more detail please contact Mr Mike Wilde, A/Manager, Infrastructure and Services Planning, on (08) 7109 7333.

Yours sincerely


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