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Mr Keir Delaney Secretary Port of Melbourne Select Committee Parliament House, Spring Street EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Mr Delaney

Submission to Inquiry into the Proposed Lease of the Port of Melbourne.

The City of Casey is pleased to have the opportunity to provide a submission to the inquiry into the proposed lease of the Port of Melbourne.

Located approximately 35 kilometres south-east of the Melbourne CBD, the City of Casey is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Australia, and is the most populous in Victoria. The current population is in excess of 280,000 and is continuing to grow by more than 8,000 people each year. Positioned in the south east growth corridor, the City of Casey comprises rapidly growing residential and industrial areas with links to major roads and freeways.

Council at a meeting held on 7 July 2015, reaffirmed support for the Port of Hastings, due to its geographic location, comparatively less impact on the environment required to support larger ships, as well as the opportunity to expand employment and other opportunities in the South East of Melbourne.

Additionally, the City of Casey submits that any lease of the Port of Melbourne should ensure that there is no compensation payable to the leased port due to any port operation in any other location in Victoria, either new or an expansion of an existing port.

Yours sincerely

Mike Tyler

Chief Execuitye Officer

