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Secretary
Port of Melbourne Select Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Secretary,

**RE: G21 - GEELONG REGION ALLIANCE SUBMISSION TO THE PORT OF MELBOURNE
SELECT COMMITTEE**

As CEO of G21 - Geelong Region Alliance (G21), I am pleased to provide this submission regarding your inquiry into the Delivering Victorian Infrastructure (Port Of Melbourne Lease Transaction) Bill 2015.

The G21 - Geelong Region Alliance was established in 2002 by five Geelong region municipalities (Geelong, Queenscliff, Surf Coast, Golden Plains and Colac Otway) with the support of the Victorian Government and a wide range of local organisations. Membership now spans all three levels of government, non-government organisations, businesses and community groups.

Under the G21 - Geelong Regional Alliance we have brought together our region's leaders to develop a regional plan, determine regional priority projects and advocate for their implementation. We represent the voice of the G21 region and have a formal role, as the Regional Strategic Planning Committee, in advising the State and Federal Governments on regional issues and priorities.

Both the G21 Board and the G21 Transport Pillar have been fully briefed on the Delivering Victorian Infrastructure (Port of Melbourne Lease Transaction) Bill 2015 by the Treasurer, Hon Tim Pallas.

Accordingly, I wish to advise that G21 - Geelong Region Alliance is generally supportive of the Bill and note in particular that it does not preclude consideration of a second container port for Melbourne before the proposed lease term expires.

This is important to our region as G21 - Geelong Region Alliance is very supportive of both the establishment of Infrastructure Victoria and the potential for its exploration of the siting of Melbourne's second container port at Bay West.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on behalf of G21 - Geelong Region Alliance.

Yours sincerely,



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