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Mr George Seitz, MP  
Chair, Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee  
Parliament of Victoria  
Parliament House, Spring Street  
East Melbourne  
Victoria 3002

Dear Sir,

**Re: Inquiry into Local Economic Development in Outer Suburban Areas**

Please find attached our submission which is in response to the call for submissions for your Inquiry into Local Economic Development in Outer Suburban Areas.

In collaboration with the Western Melbourne councils, the Western Transport Alliance and the Committee for Werribee, the Institute of Logistics and Supply Chain Management (ILSCM) at Victoria University has undertaken a research study to identify potential opportunities and solutions for the west. In conjunction with project sponsors, the ILSCM has developed a paradigm which proposes that the Western Melbourne region integrate its competitive strength in logistics to become a 'National Logistics City' stimulating broader, coordinated economic development for the West. This concept is the result of a research process encompassing sponsor and stakeholder consultation and systematic analysis of pre-existing data.

The results we have seen are highly compelling and we believe this will be a significant contribution to your inquiry into the local economic development in our outer suburban areas.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Pieter J A Nagel

Director ILSCM