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Dear Mr Plummer,

Shipping Australia Limited - Submission on Sydney Gateway Major Development Plan

About Shipping Australia Limited

1. Shipping Australia Limited (SAL) is a peak shipowner association with 28 full members who are among the leading shipping lines and agents operating in Australia. We have 44 corporate associate members which includes ports, logistics companies and a variety of service providers to the maritime industry in Australia. Our member lines are involved with over 80 per cent of Australia's international container trade and car trade as well as over 70 per cent of our break-bulk and bulk trade.

2. A major focus of SAL is to promote efficient and effective maritime trade for Australia while advancing the interests of ship-owners and shipping agents. SAL also provides secretariat services to the liner companies and agencies that are members of conferences, consortia and joint services that have their agreements registered under Part X of the Australian Competition and Consumer Act 2012.

Comments on the Sydney Gateway Design

3. The Sydney Gateway design efficiently supports commuters travelling to and from the Sydney Airport Domestic and International terminals. It will also assist freight transport from outer areas of Sydney, via the M4 and M5, directly to and from Port Botany. Both projects will support the stated vision to "greatly improve the way you travel to Sydney Airport and Port Botany."

4. However, the plan does not provide reasonable heavy vehicle access from the Gateway link to the important Cooks River Intermodal Terminal which is the largest empty container facility in Sydney, and which is essential for international trade. The current Gateway design would increase truck traffic through QANTAS Drive, Robey St, O'Riordan St, Bourke St, and Coward Street to Canal Road and create a congestion bottleneck with all truck traffic to the intermodal terminal being forced to travel this route in both directions. Such congestion could be removed by adding on- and off-ramps from the St Peters interchange directly to Canal Road.

5. While there are plans to increase the share of container movements by rail, growth in international container trade will ensure there will also be increasing container movements by truck. The Cooks River facility, close to Port Botany, will be a strategically important facility for all shipping lines, especially for the management of empty containers for export through Port Botany.

6. To meet the stated vision of the Sydney Gateway terminal it is considered absolutely critical to include on- and off-ramps for heavy vehicles from the St Peters interchange to Canal Road.

Submission authorised by:
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