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Margaret Arblaster ACCC GPO box 520 Melbourne Vic 3001

Margaret,

Re: ARTC issues Paper 2008

El Zorro Transport Pty Ltd is a stakeholder in this matter by virtue of its extant access agreement with ARTC.

We consider ARTC has an excellent record of behaviour as track manager that could well be copied by their Victorian counterparts.

El Zorro would support the push for a ten year Undertaking but it is arguable whether it would really "...increase certainty" and "...promote greater commitment and investment by users of the network".

El Zorro continues to support the notion of a single track access provider throughout the land delivering a 'one-stop shop' service.

In our view, ARTC has demonstrated it is well-placed to do such a job. Accordingly, we support the proposed inclusion of the Southern Sydney Freight Line to the Undertaking when the project is completed.

ENOC is a fancy term for the penalty to be applied to late running trains – the scourge of the rail industry. The methodology seems to be reasonable.

Yours faithfully,

Geoff Tighe
Business Manager