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**Darrell Channing**  
A/General Manager  
Adjudication Branch  
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
GPO Box 3131  
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Mr Channing

***Application for Authorisation lodged by DP World Australia Limited and Patrick Stevedores Operations Pty Ltd – Interim Authorisation***

Transport Forum WA Inc. (TFWA) is Western Australia's peak road transport industry body for private freight and passenger vehicle operators. Transport Forum was formed in 2000 following a merger between the Road Transport Training Council and the West Australian Road Transport Association, the organisations that have represented the requirements of members for over 75 years.

Transport Forum is affiliated with the Australian Trucking Association and is the WA Branch of the Australian Road Transport Industrial Organisation. Transport Forum regularly consults with community members, industry organisations and government agencies.

TFWA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this application.

TFWA will be making a submission to the ACCC in support of the application for substantive authorisation. This submission will be made by the deadline of 6 August.

In the meantime, however, TFWA would like to support the application for interim authorisation. Granting of this authorisation will allow the Companies to rapidly commence progress on the initiative and the benefits that the transport Industry expects to result from it.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely

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Manager - Freight Operations

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