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Dear Mr Hatfield

**DP World Australia Limited and Patrick Stevedores Operations Pty Ltd
Applications for Authorisation – Authorisation nos. A91238, A91239 and
A91240 – Draft Determination**

Thank you for your letter of 30 September 2010 inviting me to comment on the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) draft determination in respect of the above issue.

On behalf of the Western Australian Government, I would like to indicate our strong support for the draft decision.

Without going into the detail of the matter, as put to the ACCC by the Government and a wide range of industry bodies during your deliberations, this initiative is vital in progressing the efficiency of the Port of Fremantle while protecting the amenity of surrounding communities.

Its implementation will greatly assist the Inner Harbour at the Port of Fremantle develop to its full operational capacity. That outcome is fundamental to the interests of those that use the facility, as it is to the broader Western Australian economy.

Against the background of those comments, the Government is anxious that your draft determination becomes the final one.

Yours sincerely

SIMON O'BRIEN MLC
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

