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Dear Damian

RE –Freight and Ports Plan submission Narromine Shire Council

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Freight and Ports Plan. Narromine Shire Council is very supportive of the need for undertaking the Freight and Ports Plan and strongly agree that the freight and port network is fundamental to all regional economies as well as the overall New South Wales economy.

Narromine Shire Council has recently partnered with Dubbo Regional Council to undertake the Central Orana Regional Economic Zone strategy and the importance of agriculture and the need for excellent freight and transport routes was highlighted. This was further highlighted in the Narromine Economic Development Strategy where the Agricultural sector was shown to be vital for the economic growth of our region. Vital to this growth and the Agricultural sector are the important transport links to the Mitchell and Newell Highways along with the rail links of both the Western line to Trangie and beyond and also our rail links to Newcastle and Sydney.

The development of the Inland Rail will increase the available freight options for businesses that have access to this new rail and may help to reduce transport costs and increase the choice of export ports.

Businesses within the Narromine Shire area enjoy an existing connectivity to excellent road transport and heavy freight users take advantage of the existing rail connectivity to the Port of Newcastle and Port Botany. Major hauliers already have a local presence and we would highlight that Narromine Shire already is host to several intermodal terminals connecting to road and rail.

Given the location of Narromine and its existing connectivity together with the additional opportunities that the Inland Rail presents we believe that businesses in this region should be supported in any endeavours to improve intermodal connectivity.

We would welcome any consideration given to improving the connectivity between the existing rail, roads and the new Inland Rail.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission to the Freight and Ports Strategy and would welcome any questions if further information is required.

Yours sincerely,

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