ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

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The Committee Manager
Committee on Economic Development
Parliament House
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To Whom it May Concern

Re: Inquiry into the establishment of special economic zones

Council would like to express concern to the Legislative Assembly *Committee on Economic Development* regarding the impact cross border anomalies are having on economic growth, employment and investment in our region.

Being located on the border creates countless issues for local businesses, investors, training providers, employees and residents. Due to the closing date for submissions and limited time, detailed examples are not able to be provided as part of this submission, however further information can be provided in the future, upon request.

One example of a border location difficulty is that many jobs require staff and contractors to hold two of the relevant license, permit, certificate, qualification, or similar (one for Victoria and one for NSW). This requires a double up (and waste) of people's time, money, paperwork etc, which places extra burden on those people operating in our region.

Those people living and working in a border community face many border anomalies, which places them at a disadvantage compared with other states and regions. The issues cover many areas of life (health, transport, education, etc) and can detract from this being a great place to live, work and invest.

Should you require further information, please contact Beck Hayward on 03 5884 3302 or bhayward@murray.nsw.gov.au.

Yours Sincerely

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