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Received Friday  
26 November 2004.  
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Mr John Evans  
Clerk of the Parliaments  
Parliament House  
Macquarie St  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Evans

Please find attached for out of session tabling, the Government response to the report entitled, Inquiry into Port Infrastructure in NSW: Interim Report, 26 May 2004.

Yours sincerely

Michael Egan  
Treasurer

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The Honourable T Kelly MLC  
Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Local Government  
Minister for Emergency Services and  
Minister for Lands  
Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council  
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Dear Mr Kelly

I refer to the Standing Committee on State Development's *Interim Report into the Inquiry into Port Infrastructure in NSW* ("the Interim Report"). This report was tabled in Parliament on 26 May 2004.

The Interim Report made one recommendation:

*That the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources ensures that any expansion of the Port Botany terminal facilities is only undertaken after the identification and rigorous evaluation of all viable alternatives, including the current proposal.*

The Government's response to this recommendation is as follows:

Following the release of the Interim Report of the Committee on 26 May 2004, the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources on 28 May 2004 amended the terms of reference for the *Commission of Inquiry – Proposal by Sydney Ports Corporation to Construct and Operate a New Container Terminal and Associated Infrastructure at Port Botany, Botany Bay City* to include:

**An analysis of any potentially feasible alternatives at Port Botany to the carrying out of the development, including the alternative proposed by P&O Ports Limited.**

This additional term of reference will address the recommendation of the Interim Report.

Yours sincerely

Roger B Wilkins  
Director-General

Cc: Minister Egan