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The Hon Tony Burke MLC
Chair
Legislative Council Standing Committee on State Development
Inquiry into Port Infrastructure
Parliament House
Macquarie Street.
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Burke 

I refer to your letter of 28 October 2003 concerning the call for submissions to the Legislative Council Standing Committee on State Development's Inquiry into Port Infrastructure. I have noted the terms of reference for the Inquiry and the composition of the Committee.

I am advised that the Department of Commerce has no direct involvement in port infrastructure and has declined your invitation to make a submission to the Inquiry.

However, as any changes possibly recommended for port infrastructure by the Inquiry may effect direct and indirect employment, I do urge the adoption of a consultative industrial relations strategy be included in your final report.

I understand that a similar call for submissions was made direct to the Director-General, Department of Commerce. Please accept this reply as a response from that office as well.

Yours sincerely


John Della Bosca MLC