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Dear Sir/Madam

# Independent Review of Regional Development

I refer to the Friday, 6 March, 2015 media release “Regional Leaders to Drive Regional Jobs and Growth” by the Hon Jaala Pulford, MLC Minister for Regional Development, advising of the above.

As advised in a posting on the DEDJTR website, this submission to the Independent Review of Regional Development is being made to the local RDV office in Traralgon.

## Port of Hastings

There are to be found currently on the website of Regional Development Victoria, postings in support of expansion plans for the Port of Hastings, that are completely incompatible with the Government’s election commitments.

Number 2.4 of the Terms of Reference of the independent review of Regional Victoria applies, being, “Having regard for the Government’s election commitments for regional service delivery……………”

The election commitments contained in the documents,

**Future Port Siting Options for Victoria**

Issue Brief to Committee for Geelong

20 June 2014

and,

‘Project 10,000’

are relevant to the independent review of regional development, and the Port of Hastings.

Many of the postings on the RDV website referring to the **Port of Hastings**, and advocating an expansion of the Port of Hastings, are unedifying, inane, cartoon-like, puerile juvenile, blindly accepting of reports, and lacking in analysis.

Enclosed are examples of the abovementioned postings on the RDV website, obtained by a ‘search’ of “**Port of Hastings**” within the site.

## Infrastructure Victoria

It is apparent that currently Regional Development Victoria is in no position to assist Infrastructure Victoria in an objective assessment of future port requirements in Victoria.

Yours faithfully,

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