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Dear Mr Maher

Adelaide Rail Freight Movements Study—Submission

Thank you for inviting us to participate in the Adelaide Rail Freight Movements Study Project Reference Group and the opportunity to provide comment on the October 2009 discussion paper.

As identified in the discussion paper a freight bypass of the existing line (via options 3 and 4) would provide significant social benefits for the Adelaide Hills communities and future opportunities for improved passenger rail services. There is little direct benefit for the City of Onkaparinga communities under these options. Option 3 appears to provide greater overall benefit (including the removal of freight from the hills and metropolitan area) than option 4 and at a lesser capital cost.

Council considered the discussion paper at its meeting on 17 November 2009 and resolved to provide qualified support to the southern bypass route (option 4) providing:

- we are kept fully informed and collaboratively engaged at all stages of planning and implementation of the section of project which passes through the City of Onkaparinga
- all affected land holders within the City of Onkaparinga (including those impacted by the construction) are engaged at the appropriate time
- that the construction methodology be a specific planning consideration which minimises disruption within the City of Onkaparinga.

I look forward to our further involvement in the project reference group and ask that I be kept fully informed on project progress and decisions which may affect our communities within the City of Onkaparinga.

Yours sincerely

Jeff Tate
Chief Executive Officer