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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government PARLIAMENT HOUSE CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

BOOM GATES FOR RAIL CROSSINGS PROGRAM

Thank you for your letter of 9 February 2009 regarding the allocation of funding of \$30.29 million, to Victoria under the new Boom Gates for Rail Crossings program under the National Building and Jobs Package.

Victoria welcomes this funding allocation and will be able to deliver boom gate and other active control mechanism projects across our transport network in the 2008/09 and 2009/10 period.

Victoria's projects have been selected on the basis of the robust safety assessment using the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model.

Officers in my Department will send to the Commonwealth by 27 February 2009 a package of rail boom gate project proposals in line with the conditions outlined in your letter.

I welcome the offer from officials in your Department to ensure a rapid turn around of Commonwealth approval for these projects. This will assist in a timely delivery of these infrastructure upgrades.

I would also like to extend an invitation to you to jointly inspect the progress of works with me at the appropriate time.

If you require any further information please contact Lachlan McDonald in my Department on (03) 9095 4398.

Yours sincerely

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