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Dear Mr Cameron

Thank you for your email of 4 April 2012 promoting the development of a container terminal at Newcastle and associated infrastructure such as the Fassifern – Hexham rail bypass.

I appreciate your high level of interest in this matter.

As I advised in my 22 March letter to you, the scoping study into the long term lease of Port Botany includes consideration of the long term future plans for container port capacity in New South Wales.

I expect to receive and consider the scoping and strategy study in mid 2012. Bearing this timeframe in mind, at this stage a decision is yet to be made by Government about whether to proceed with a container terminal at Newcastle.

I appreciate the time you have taken to share your views on this matter and your interest in developing infrastructure in New South Wales. I trust you will understand that from an overall State development perspective it is appropriate that we consider the long term future of container capacity at New South Wales ports as part of the Port Botany investigation.

Yours sincerely



MIKE BAIRD MP