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Dear Mr Cameron

Thank you for your email of 2 February 2014 regarding container terminal operations and freight transport in NSW. I appreciate the time you have taken to advise me of your views on this important issue.

The Government remains committed to its policy on container facility development. Once Port Botany reaches capacity, Port Kembla will be developed as the next long-term container facility. The development of a dedicated container terminal at the Port of Newcastle will be considered when both Ports Botany and Kembla become fully developed. However, existing container facilities at the Port of Newcastle which serve shipping lines carrying containers may continue to grow at an organic rate.

In November 2013 the NSW Government proceeded to market with the long-term lease of the Port of Newcastle, after a scoping study confirmed it was in the best interests of the people of NSW. The introduction of a private operator at the Port of Newcastle will help drive efficiency on the waterfront and provide a boost in funds for priority infrastructure. This will help to grow the Port and in turn strengthen the NSW economy. The transaction process is expected to be completed mid-2014.

Thank you for writing to me on this issue.

Yours sincerely

MIKE BAIRD MP