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The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP  
Minister for Transport  
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Dear Minister

*Gladys,*

I am writing to finalise a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for our implementation of a program of works to provide additional freight capacity on the Northern Sydney Freight Corridor (NSFC). This is an important project to deliver freight productivity improvements and demonstrates a high level of co-operation between the Commonwealth and NSW Governments to address key infrastructure priorities.

The MOU sets minimum Freight Capacity (i.e. actual train paths and movements) to be achieved by the NSFC projects for a 20 year period and facilitates infrastructure improvements that will enable this congested freight corridor to meet forecast freight capacity requirements over the short to medium term.

The MOU also includes an undertaking that a commercial NSFC Agreement between the Australian Rail Track Corporation, Transport for New South Wales and RailCorp, to underpin the MOU, will be agreed within 12 months from signing of the MOU.

I welcome the NSW Government's commitment to provide an estimated \$291 million in funding to complement the Australian Government's capped funding of \$840 million for the NSFC program of works.

Enclosed are two sets of the proposed MOU documents for your signature. Once signed and witnessed, please return both copies for me to counter sign. A fully executed document will be provided to you for your record of the agreement.

Thank you for your commitment to this important project and I appreciate the co-operation that NSW officials have provided to the Commonwealth in developing the agreement for our execution.

Yours sincerely

*Anthony Albanese*

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