



**FOR: The Hon Darren Chester MP**  
**cc: Mr Mike Mrdak, Secretary**

**PDR ID:**  
 MS16-000967

**For Decision by:** 29 July 2016  
**Reason:** To ensure timely notification to Malaysia of funding requirement

**SUBJECT: MH370 Ministerial Tripartite meeting July 2016 outcomes**

**Recommendation: That you:**

- (a) **Note** the agreed outcomes of the MH370 Ministerial Tripartite meeting held in Malaysia on 22 July 2016; and
- (b) **Sign** the attached letters to the Malaysian Minister of Transport, Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai at **Attachment A**, and the Chinese Minister of Transport, the Hon Mr Yang Chuantang at **Attachment B**.

**Key Issues:**

1. You attended MH370 Ministerial Tripartite meeting held in Malaysia on 22 July 2016. The key outcomes of the meeting were:
  - a. Ministers agreed that should the aircraft not be located in the current search area, and in the absence of credible new evidence leading to the identification of a specific location of the aircraft, the search would not end, but be suspended upon completion of the 120,000 square kilometre search area. Should credible new information emerge that can be used to identify the specific location of the aircraft, consideration will be given to determining next steps;
  - b. Ministers also agreed to continue to participate in and take decisions in regard to the search in a tripartite arrangement following suspension of the underwater search;
  - c. Australia agreed to continue to lead the underwater search until completion of the 120,000 square kilometres;

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Cleared by: Judi Zielke, Deputy Secretary  
 Date: 29 July 2016  
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**Minister's Comments/Supplementary Tasking:**

**Consultation:**

Australian Transport Safety Bureau.

**Action to Follow:**

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development will dispatch letters to Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai and the Hon Mr Yang Chuantang.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Letter to Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai

Attachment B – Letter to the Hon Mr Yang Chuantang