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Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper Submission - IP695  
City of Port Lincoln  
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Agricultural Competitiveness Taskforce  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ISSUES PAPER**

We refer to the Department's invitation for comment on the Agricultural Competitiveness Issues Paper.

At its meeting held on Monday 7 April 2014, the City of Port Lincoln resolved to make a submission in response to the Paper, to draw attention to the following key issues:

- 4 – Increasing the competitiveness of the agricultural sector and its value chains – the White Paper should consider the future implications of current capacity constraints and operational monopoly for wharf infrastructure on Eyre Peninsula, in relation to supply chain efficiency;
- 5 - Enhancing agriculture's contribution to regional communities – Port Lincoln as a key port and service centre for a highly productive agricultural region has a vital interest in the relationship between agriculture and communities, and Council supports continuing investment in regional centres where the service and economic benefits of critical mass in population and public infrastructure can be best leveraged for wide community benefits;
- 8 - Enhancing agricultural exports – this is an issue of direct interest to this city. The Issues Paper does not appear to identify 'export infrastructure' for consideration or action, however, land transport and wharf infrastructure are key issues for the Eyre Peninsula's future.

Council has also resolved to consider Port Lincoln's role in and relationship with the productive Eyre Peninsula region in the next review of Council's Strategic Directions plan.

I look forward to the progression of your significant review.

Yours sincerely

**Bruce Green**  
**MAYOR**