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Via email: hopkinsr@snowy.net.au

Dear Mr Hopkins

Concept Plan for Canberra to Eden Railway

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Concept Plan for Canberra to Eden Railway. I commend the Cooma and Monaro Progress Association's (CMPA) advocacy for this project.

Bega Valley Shire Council supports the concept of linking the Port of Eden via rail to the Monaro and broader national rail network. This project can be an important foundation stone for our and the region's growth and sustainability. Support for this connection can be found through the Far South Coast Regional Economic Development Strategy. Council is strongly advocating for the development of a range of maritime and logistical outcomes for the Port of Eden including:

- Improved freight and road connections on the Princes Highway
- Upgrade of Imlay Road
- Activation of industrial land
- Leveraging of the Snug Cove wharf tourism precinct

The addition of a key rail link will make all of these projects more viable over the long term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristy McBain', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Cr Kristy McBain
Mayor