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Mr Ralph Kenyon  
Port of Hastings Corporation

**Re: Expansion of Port of Hastings and Transport Strategy:  
Supplementary Submission:**

Dear Sir,

*I am writing to voice my rejection of the proposed Port of Hastings Expansion and Transport Strategy for the following reasons.*

- 1. A fully comprehensive Environmental Impact Study should have been completed on the whole of Westernport Bay and surrounding Coastline before any report could be tabled to the Victorian Government. Not only has no report been completed the Port of Hastings only intend to complete a report on the immediate area that effects their proposal, totally unacceptable to the public.*
- 2. The proposal to acquire land for Rail Freight with out giving notice to Land Owners is **immoral** to say the least. The ordinary working people who have invested life times into establishing their properties and businesses whether the Freight Lines run through the back of Cranbourne or up Westernport Highway have this stigma of Property Overlays hanging over their heads. If this proposal proceeds the Government is not going to pay them enough compensation to cover their losses and a lot of Landowners and Businesses will go to the Wall as you can be sure the Banks or the Port of Hastings Corporation will not support them.*
- 3. **The Port of Melbourne has plans for the successful operation of Melbourne Ports until the Year 2035 and beyond. Property has been purchased to the West of Melbourne for the development of an Inland Port also, there is a Transport Strategy for the carriage of Freight from Melbourne to Interstate and vice versa.***
- 4. the other Capital Cities are developing their Ports for the proposed increase in imports, why do we as Victorians have to destroy a Pristine Bay? We all know why for Private Enterprise to increase their Profits at the Expense of the Ordinary Person and the Destruction of a wonderful piece of Coastline.*
- 5. The Lessee of the Port of Hastings ( Toll Holdings ) and the Purchaser of all the Farm Land at Lyndhurst ( Salta ) have no regard for the*

*Ordinary Person and the Environment, all they are interested in is the bottom line for their Shareholders.*

- 6. Your suggestion of increased jobs is totally wrong as once the Port is Constructed the only people to have any hope of working there will be workers from Melbourne as we both know the workforce is a closed shop on the Waterfront.*
- 7. proposal by the Port of Hastings Corporation is unacceptable in the format that it has been presented in and when you look at it in the cold light of day is not acceptable by any of the Residents in all the Councils that you have attended Meetings. The Bass Coast Shire is against the proposal totally until an Environmental Impact Statement has been completed on the whole of Westernport Bay and surrounding areas.*
- 8. The Port of Hastings Strategy has been based on Victoria increasing their imports from Asia for the next 28 years, effectively saying that Victoria will have no manufacturing left. What happens if China and the rest of Asia have a Major Downturn in Manufacturing, Victoria and worst still the people on the Mornington Peninsula and surrounding areas will have a White Elephant on their hands and the owners of the Port will not care.*
- 9. This development will do nothing for the Mornington Peninsula and its surrounding areas except create misery for all who are going to be swallowed up by uncaring Companies and Councils. At least we will have a say who is on Council next time.*

*As a resident of the Peninsula for 40 plus years I am totally against the development of the Port of Hastings in any form what so ever.*

*Tony Vagg*