

WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT

In the matter of a joint Inquiry under the *Environmental Effects Act 1978 (Vic)* and an Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to section 151 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)*

SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING IN RESPONSE TO THE DIRECTIONS OF THE IAC DATED 25 AUGUST 2017

1. These submissions are made on behalf of the Minister for Planning in response to the directions made by the IAC on 25 August 2017 (the “**Directions**”).
2. They address the matter identified in paragraph 3(a) of the Directions; namely, whether the IAC has the power to direct production of the documents identified in the preamble to the Directions.
3. The Minister submits that, pursuant to s.152(2)(c) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)*, the IAC has the power to require the production of the Documents provided that it is satisfied that:
 - (a) the Documents relate to matters being considered by the IAC; and
 - (b) the IAC reasonably requires the Documents.
4. The Minister makes no submissions in respect of the matters identified in paragraphs 3(b) and 3(c) of the Directions.

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