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Dear Premier,

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BOATING FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thank you for your letter dated 8 July 2014, regarding the reform of South Australian government boards and committees, and offering me the opportunity to provide comment.

I have met with the members of the previous South Australian Boating Facility Advisory Committee (SABFAC) to discuss this issue, and now provide you with feedback from this meeting.

Since my initial appointment to the role of Presiding Officer in February 2004, the Committee has recommended ministerial approval of approximately \$12.9m towards local council boating infrastructure projects across the State. Each project has warranted an independent assessment of social and economic outcomes.

I consider that SABFAC provides the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure excellent consultative advice that is independent of government and formulated on proven and transparent guidelines.

The Committee represents a well balanced mix of industry and community groups with boating interests, and a breadth of requisite expertise and practical understanding of boating facilities. It has, over a number of years, developed a strong rapport with all boating sectors and local councils, and is highly regarded by these groups.

If the Committee was abandoned, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) would need to establish its own consultative process to elicit stakeholder feedback. This would simply duplicate SABFAC's involvement.

SABFAC in its current form has a strategic focus and an overriding imperative to ensure that all projects provide safe boating retrieval and launching.

I understand the Committee operates at minimal cost and consider it represents excellent value for money to government.

I seek your earnest consideration to the reinstatement of SABFAC with its previous charter and responsibilities.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rod Payze', written in a cursive style.

Rod Payze  
Presiding Officer, SABFAC

18 September 2014

cc: Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

