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Dear Minister

Thank you once again for our meeting last week, along with Jonathan Schomburgk, at your Spring St office.

Our delegation including President Mark Crockford, Life Member David Heyes, Consultant Robert Masters and I were very grateful for the opportunity, and thought it was a very worthwhile meeting.

In particular, we sensed that we had significant common ground in areas relating to boating facilities and infrastructure, inadequate current funding levels, the value of the Victorian boating industry, threats to the industry and employment, the extensive latent demand for boating, the resulting lost opportunities, and the potential and benefits of increased investment.

The brief discussion regarding the current threat to wakeboarding in certain parts of the Murray, and the impact that would have on the tourism and boating industries was also appreciated. We hope you've had a positive response from your NSW counterpart on that matter.

As we discussed, we are now in the process of writing to the Premier and Treasurer. We hope to meet with the Premier very soon to outline the challenges that we discussed, and to outline the upside of increased investment into the boating sector. We will include you in this correspondence.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on this very important issue for boating, employment and Victoria.

Regards



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