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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is important that I pass on the following message to market users.

In the March 2006 issue of Market Fresh you were provided with a copy of a letter from the Minister for Agriculture, Bob Cameron, MP, sent to me, the Chairman of the MMA, regarding the Government's intention for the future of the Footscray Road site. In that letter the Minister stated that the "Government intends that the current Market site will (following relocation of the Market) be used for rail and related port activities".

The Government has now announced its plans for the development of the Port of Melbourne freight hub.

One of the key elements of the development plan is the use of the Footscray Road market site for the development of a purpose-designed Metropolitan Intermodal Terminal (MIT).

The MMA has now commenced negotiations with the Department of Infrastructure for the sale of the land to facilitate this decision.

The MMA will continue to operate the Market at this site and at the new site at Epping when it becomes operational.

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