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The Hon Stephan Knoll MP Member for Schubert

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Dear Mr Vincent

WHALERS WAY ORBITAL LAUNCH COMPLEX – MAJOR DEVELOPMENT DECLARATION

I write in response to your correspondence, on behalf of SouthernLaunch. Space Pty Ltd, about the proposed development of an Orbital Launch Complex at Whalers Way, Sleaford (approximately 25 km south-west of Port Lincoln) on Eyre Peninsula.

In my opinion, your proposal warrants the detailed investigations required by the 'Major Development' process. Accordingly, I have made a declaration in the Government Gazette pursuant to section 46 of the *Development Act 1993*. I have asked that my Department forward a copy of this declaration notice to you once formally gazetted.

I have made this declaration having formed the view that the proposal meets the two criteria for a major development as prescribed under section 46 of the Act. First, the proposal has major environmental, social and economic implications. Secondly, the declaration is appropriate and necessary for the proper assessment of the proposal.

The next step in the process is for you to lodge a formal development application and supporting information, in accordance with section 46(6)(d) of the *Development Act 1993*, with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. The Department will then refer the application to the State Planning Commission (Commission) for setting the level of assessment required and formal Guidelines to apply.

It should be noted that making a decision to declare the proposed development does not imply support or otherwise for the project. Following the assessment process, the final decision will be made by the Governor.

It should also be noted the implementation of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, will not affect the Major Development process, which through the transition arrangements will continue in accordance with the *Development Act 1993* provisions.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Lee Webb, at the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure on (08) 7109 7066.

Yours sincerely

HON STEPHAN KNOLL MP

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