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To Whom It May Concern:

The State of Victoria has now appointed the Multiplex Plenary Consortium to undertake the construction of the new Melbourne Convention Centre comprising a 5,000 Plenary hall, meeting rooms and banqueting areas with an associated 5 star hotel, and retail businesses. The cost of the project will exceed \$1 billion and on completion will represent another landmark site for Victoria.

Unfortunately, one of the downsides associated with undertaking and completing the development is that the existing South Wharf sheds must cease to trade from 2 January 2007. The State does not believe it is possible for the sheds to continue to operate whilst the development is undertaken.

The State has attempted to minimise any inconvenience to the customers of the sheds by allowing the sheds to trade until 2 January 2007 noting that without that concession, the sheds would have ceased trading on 1 May 2006.

Yours faithfully

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