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Dear Mr Crawford *DAVID*

### APPLICATIONS FOR DECLARATION OF PILBARA RAILWAYS

Thank you for your letter of 29 August 2008 advising of the National Competition Council's recommendations regarding applications by The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd for declaration of the services provided by the Goldsworthy, Hamersley and Robe railways in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

Following consideration of the evidence presented and the findings in your recommendation reports, I have decided to declare those services for a period of 20 years.

A copy of my decision, including the declarations and statements of reasons for those decisions, is attached for your information.

I would appreciate you making these decisions and statements of reasons publicly available as soon as possible. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you and the other members of the Council for the efforts made to assist me with my decisions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Swan'.

WAYNE SWAN