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Mr. Chris Cain, Branch Secretary and National President  
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Dear Brother Chris:

The 65,000 members of the International Longshoremen's Association join with our Sister and Brother Dockers around the globe in supporting our fellow dockers at the Port of Fremantle who are facing huge job losses due to attempts to fully automate their Outer Harbour Terminal. The construction of any fully automated container terminal represents the ultimate threat to dockers and we will join this fight against it.

The ILA knows full well the threat of automated terminals and we secured a contract three years ago that prevents construction of any automated terminals at ILA ports. I applaud Willie Adams, President of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, for their stance against this proposed project at the Port of Fremantle. As President Adam noted: "The Outer Harbour project is problematic for a multitude of reasons. First, the project would directly eliminate over 2,000 union jobs and indirectly effect 4,000 jobs and small businesses. Second, investing in this automation project bleeds public funds from essential community needs such as hospitals and education. Lastly, the project would cause irreparable damage to the environment of Cockburn Sound."

The ILA will inform all our shippers and employers that we stand ready to fully support the dockers at the Port of Fremantle and, with the ILWU and all the docker organizations affiliated with the International Dockers' Council (IDC), stand side-by-side with them to take on this challenge.

We join in the world-wide labor chorus: "SAVE FREO PORT – MUA IS HERE TO STAY!"

Fraternally,

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