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Dear Mr Smithson

I refer to your letters of 15 June 2000 to the Hon Peter Reith, MP, Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business and the Hon Tony Abbott, MP, Minister for Employment Services concerning the regional planning strategy for Albany, "Rainbow 2000". The Ministers have asked me to reply on their behalf.

The details of the strategy which appears to be directed at enhancing local economic development by maximising the strategic advantages of the region have been noted. You may wish to discuss this strategy with the Great Southern Area Consultative Committee. The Executive Officer, Mr Len van der Waag can be contacted on phone number (08)9842 5800.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the Ministers' attention.

Yours sincerely

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