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Dear Mr Smithson

Thank you for your recent email correspondence about the Rainbow 2000 Project.

You are to be commended for the energy and enthusiasm you are directing towards the development of a regional strategy for the amalgamated Albany City Council and the lower Great Southern Region of Western Australia. It is important that regional economic development is initiated and driven by regional businesses and their communities and I wish you well in developing your proposal.

As the issues you have raised are principally matters for local and state governments to address, I would encourage you to continue to promote your views with them.

Yours sincerely

(Dr Peter Shergold)