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Attention: The Panel Coordinator
Planning Panels Victoria
PO Box 2392
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

By hand and by email

Planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Expert Witness Statements
Central Victorian Livestock Exchange
Ballarat Planning Scheme Amendment C185
EPA Works Approval Service Order Reference 1001580**

We continue to act for the proponent, RLX Investment Company Pty Ltd as trustee for RLX Investment Trust (RLX).

We now enclose four copies of the following report:

1. Report on biohazard issues (specifically zoonotic infection risks) related to the proposed Ballarat Saleyards, Professor Colin R Wilks

There exists only a small field of persons appropriately qualified to assist the Panel in respect of zoonotic infection risks. Unfortunately Professor Wilks is working outside of Australia during the period of the hearing. The proponent is therefore unable to present Professor Wilks for oral evidence.

The proponent acknowledges that the Panel will therefore need to consider the weight to be afforded to Professor Wilks' evidence and gives notice that it will address this issue before the Panel in submissions.

We apologise to the Panel for the late service of this evidence which has only become available to us to serve today. The proponent notes that there is no other evidence concerning zoonotic infection risks before the Panel. It submits that the report should be accepted into evidence by the Panel as information which may assist it.

A copy of the report has been circulated to the Council for its website, the authorities participating in the hearing and Kings Lawyers.

Please contact Greg Tobin on 5225 5252 if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Tobin'.

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