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Australian Government

Department of Transport and Regional Services

Secretary

The Hon Mark Vaile MP
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Deputy Prime Minister

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Department of Transport and Regional Services for the year ended 30 June 2007.

This report has been prepared in accordance with section 63 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, which also requires that you table the report in the parliament.

The report summarises the Department's performance and includes our audited financial statements as required by section 57 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*. It includes other information such as that required by:

- paragraph 5.15(2) of the Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations 1997;
- section 29 of the *Air Navigation Act 1920*;
- section 20 of the *Aircraft Noise Levy Collection Act 1995*; and
- various whole of government Acts as highlighted in the table of contents.

I also advise that the Department has in place appropriate fraud detection, investigation, reporting and data collection procedures and processes; and has prepared fraud risk assessments and fraud control plans that meet the Department's needs and comply with the Australian Government Fraud Control Guidelines.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Taylor".

Michael J. Taylor
SECRETARY
17 October 2007

cc The Hon Jim Lloyd MP
Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
The Hon De-Anne Kelly MP
Parliamentary Secretary

GUIDE TO THIS REPORT

What this report covers

The Department's annual report focuses on explaining how the resources entrusted to it have been used. Our report:

- takes into account the Requirements for Departmental Annual Reports issued by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) in June 2007;
- uses data, photographs and other materials from a range of sources to put our activities and results into context; and
- tells you where you can obtain the other annual reports we are required to publish or contribute to.

As this report contains photos, it may contain images of deceased persons and of places that could cause sorrow.

How information is presented

Key terms and acronyms are explained as they are introduced, and are listed from page 409.

Tables throughout the report use notations as follows:

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Before making decisions or acting on information in this report, you are advised to contact the Department. This report was up-to-date when it was tabled, but details do change over time due to legislative, policy and other developments.

Equally, if you have suggestions about how we could improve our annual report, please let us know.

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We are results oriented · We are honest, professional and accountable · We are client and stakeholder focused · We are committed to improving our skills · We are diverse, trusting and respecting of each other

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