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Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Secretary

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government for the year ended 30 June 2009.

This report has been prepared in accordance with section 63 of the *Public Service Act 1999* which also requires that you present this report to the Parliament.

The report summarises the Department's performance and includes the audited financial statements as required by section 57 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*. It also includes 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*;
- section 94 of the *Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Act 2009*;
- section 26 of the *Infrastructure Australia Act 2008*; and
- various whole-of-government legislation as highlighted in the table of contents.

I also advise, under section 9 of Guideline 1 of the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines, that the Department has prepared fraud risk assessments and fraud control plans, and has in place appropriate fraud prevention, detection, investigation, reporting and data collection procedures and processes that meet the specific needs of the Department and comply with the guidelines.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Mrdak'.

Mike Mrdak
SECRETARY
19 October 2009

cc The Hon Maxine McKew MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

The Hon Gary Gray AO MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Western and Northern Australia

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 Annual Reports approved by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) in June 2009;
- 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 275.

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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