



COMMUNIQUE FOR 17TH INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT MINISTERS' MEETING

5 AUGUST 2022

The 17th Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting (ITMM) was held in Melbourne today.

Ministerial Priorities

Ministers were briefed on and acknowledged the significant pressures facing the infrastructure and transport sectors – including capacity constraints, skills shortages and longer-term supply chain pressures. Ministers agreed these pressures brought with them a need for a strategic focus on reforms aimed at boosting national productivity.

Ministers resolved to consider a streamlined workplan in September 2022 that would guide work through to the end of 2023, with a focus on heavy vehicle safety and productivity, decarbonisation and a more consistent approach to the national infrastructure pipeline.

Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) Review

Ministers were briefed by Mr Ken Kanofski on his HVNL Industry Consultation report, and heard presentations on the report from the Australian Trucking Association, the National Road Transport Association, the Australian Logistics Council, the National Transport Commission and Australian Local Government Association. Ministers thanked industry representatives for their constructive engagement throughout the consultation process and committed to continue close consultation with industry as reforms progress.

Ministers agreed to release Mr Kanofski's report, and to progress a package of propositions recommended by Mr Kanofski that will improve safety and productivity in the heavy vehicle sector. Ministers resolved to consider further advice from officials on the best mechanism to efficiently deliver this package of reforms across all jurisdictions.

Next Meeting

Ministers agreed to meet via telepresence in September 2022, and to meet more frequently via telepresence on an ongoing basis. Ministers further agreed to move to a rhythm of twice-yearly face to face discussions.

PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

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| The Hon Catherine King MP | Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (Commonwealth) |
| The Hon Robert Stokes MP | Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities and Minister for Active Transport (New South Wales) |
| The Hon Jacinta Allan MP | Minister for Transport Infrastructure; Minister for Suburban Rail Loop, Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery (Victoria) |
| The Hon Ben Carroll MP | Minister for Industry Support and Recovery, Minister for Business Precincts, Minister for Public Transport; Minister for Roads and Road Safety (Victoria) |
| The Hon Mark Bailey MP | Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Queensland) |
| The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP | Minister for Infrastructure and Transport; Minister for Energy and Mining (South Australia) |
| The Hon Rita Saffioti MLA | Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports (Western Australia) |
| The Hon Michael Ferguson MP | Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Planning (Tasmania) |
| The Hon Eva Lawler MLA | Treasurer, Minister for Education, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Minister for Territory Development (Northern Territory) |
| Chris Steel MLA | Minister for Transport and City Services; Minister for Skills Special Minister of State (Australian Capital Territory) |
| Councillor Linda Scott (non-voting) | Australian Local Government Association |



PRESENTERS

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| Mr David Hallinan | Market Capacity Constraints item |
| Mr Ken Kanofski | Heavy Vehicle National Law item |
| National Transport Commission | Heavy Vehicle National Law item |
| Australian Trucking Association | Heavy Vehicle National Law item |
| National Road Transport Association | Heavy Vehicle National Law item |
| Australian Logistics Council | Heavy Vehicle National Law item |
| Australian Local Government Association | Heavy Vehicle National Law item |

