



COMMUNIQUE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT MINISTERS' MEETING

Friday 29 May 2026

Infrastructure and Transport Ministers met virtually today.

Conflict in the Middle East and Implications for Infrastructure and Transport

Ministers discussed the impact the ongoing conflict in the Middle East is having on global oil and gas supply, and acknowledged the pressures that elevated prices of fuel and supply chain disruptions are having. Ministers agreed to continue to work together to keep Australia moving.

Moving Freight on Rail and Coastal Shipping

Ministers agreed all modes of freight transport are critical to moving freight and meeting the social, environmental and economic needs of communities across Australia. Ministers noted recent announcements by the Commonwealth to establish a new \$55 million Transport Resilience and Capacity Kickstart pilot program to support more fuel-efficient freight movements across Australia, and bring the Commonwealth's investment in the Australian Rail Track Corporation's (ARTC) national rail freight network to \$2.8 billion. Ministers agreed to consider actions to further increase freight on rail and ship.

Improving Interoperability of Rail Systems – next steps

Ministers agreed a working group of all jurisdictions, the National Transport Commission and the Australian Rail Industry Standards Organisation would consult with industry and unions to develop an implementation work program for the National Rail Action Plan to be considered by ITMM in late 2026.

National Regulatory Framework for e-Mobility Devices

Ministers noted progress towards developing an integrated regulatory framework to support the safe supply and use of e-mobility devices and agreed to move to implement it. Ministers confirmed the types of devices they support operating on Australian roads and pathways to help Consumer Ministers develop mandatory product standards under the

Australian Consumer Law and explore any potential shorter-term actions to target non-compliant devices. Transport Ministers will consider a final draft integrated regulatory framework, including proposed implementation timeframes before the end of 2026.

Road Safety

Ministers discussed the 2025 national road safety data and noted progress made in delivering against the National Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030, acknowledging the need for continued investment from all governments. Ministers welcomed ongoing collaboration and engagement and re-affirmed their commitment to work in partnership to improve road safety outcomes.

Decarbonisation of Transport and Infrastructure

Ministers agreed to publish the National Embodied Carbon Databook on the website of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts, noting that Queensland will not be formally adopting the Databook.

Next Meeting

Ministers look forward to meeting again in the second half of 2026.



ITMM ATTENDEES

The Hon Catherine King MP (Commonwealth)	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
The Hon John Graham MLC (New South Wales)	Special Minister of State; Minister for Transport; Minister for the Arts; Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy
The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP (New South Wales)	Minister for Regional Transport; Minister for Roads
The Hon Gabrielle Williams MP (Victoria)	Minister for Transport Infrastructure; Minister for Public and Active Transport; Minister for Women and Girls
The Hon Melissa Horne MP (Victoria)	Minister for Ports and Freight; Minister for Health Infrastructure; Minister for Prevention of Family Violence
The Hon Brent Mickelberg MP (Queensland)	Minister for Transport and Main Roads
The Hon Joe Szakacs MP (South Australia)	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
The Hon Rita Saffioti MLA (Western Australia)	Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Minister for Sport and Recreation
The Hon Kerry Vincent MLC (Tasmania)	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport; Minister for Local Government; Minister for Housing and Planning
The Hon William Yan MP (Northern Territory)	Treasurer; Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure; Minister for Housing Construction
Ms Tara Cheyne MLA (Australian Capital Territory)	Manager of Government Business; Attorney-General; Minister for Human Rights; Minister for City and Government Services; Minister for the Night-time Economy
Mayor Matt Burnett	President, Australian Local Government Association

