



COMMUNIQUE FOR 18TH INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT MINISTERS' MEETING

30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The 18th Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting (ITMM) was held via telepresence on Friday 30 September 2022.

Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting priorities

Ministers welcomed the new approach from all jurisdictions that would see a clearer focus on strategic issues of national significance across both the transport and infrastructure sectors.

Ministers finalised a new workplan that will guide activities through to the end of 2023, with a focus on market capacity constraints affecting the construction industry, improving interoperability of rail systems, decarbonisation of infrastructure and transport, heavy vehicle productivity and road safety.

Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) reform implementation

Ministers have taken a significant step forward in delivering reforms to the Heavy Vehicle National Law, with agreement to implement the reforms recommended by Mr Ken Kanofski.

To ensure the new law delivers on the recommendations made by Mr Kanofski, and that the non-legislative reforms are developed and implemented promptly, Ministers have agreed this work will be overseen by some of the most senior transport officials in Australia. They will have a crucial role in guiding implementation of the HVNL legislative and non-legislative reforms, and will receive independent advice from Mr Kanofski and the Australian Local Government Association to inform their work.

Ministers have also asked Mr Kanofski to lead major stakeholder consultation activities for the development of the new law, building on the constructive engagement between industry and Mr Kanofski over the course of 2022.

Ministers tasked the National Transport Commission (NTC) to bring a Decision Regulatory Impact Statement on the legislative reforms back for their consideration in the second quarter of 2023.

Other business

Finally, in light of recent developments affecting identity documents, Minister King will ask senior officials to seek written information from the Department of Home Affairs on the matter for distribution out-of-session and consider scheduling a discussion at the next ITMM.



PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

The Hon Catherine King MP	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (Commonwealth)
The Hon Rob Stokes MP	Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities and Minister for Active Transport (New South Wales)
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 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)
Mr Peter Woronzow (obo The Hon Rita Saffioti MLA)	Director General, Department of Transport (Western Australia)

