

CATTERMOLE, Susan

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 4 September 2025 2:42 PM
To: CATTERMOLE, Susan
Cc: Langford, Anita; Cashman, Melissa
Subject: RE: Driving instructor lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: MC25-016559.docx

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Hi Susan,

Apologies I missed our catch up this afternoon. Can you please review/fact check the attached corro which will be sent to Transport minister.

Cheers,
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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 3 September 2025 12:57 PM
To: CATTERMOLE, Susan <Susan.CATTERMOLE@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: Langford, Anita <Anita.Langford@infrastructure.gov.au>; Cashman, Melissa <Melissa.cashman@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Driving instructor lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks Susan, really appreciate the quick response.

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From: CATTERMOLLE, Susan <Susan.CATTERMOLLE@infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 3 September 2025 12:52 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) <s22(1)(a)(ii)@mo.infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: Langford, Anita <Anita.Langford@infrastructure.gov.au>; Cashman, Melissa <Melissa.cashman@infrastructure.gov.au>; CATTERMOLLE, Susan <Susan.CATTERMOLLE@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Driving instructor lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)

As discussed, the words below are correct.

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From: "s22(1)(a)(ii)" <s22(1)(a)(ii)@mo.infrastructure.gov.au>
Date: Wednesday, 3 September 2025 at 12:50:59
To: "CATTERMOLLE, Susan" <Susan.CATTERMOLLE@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: "Langford, Anita" <Anita.Langford@infrastructure.gov.au>, "Cashman, Melissa" <Melissa.cashman@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: Driving instructor lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Susan,

Just tried to give you a call. I just need to fact check some lines quickly.

- Licensing systems, including the regulation of driving lessons, driving instructors, and driving tests are the responsibility of state and territory governments.
- Each jurisdiction sets its own rules for instructor accreditation, compliance and disciplinary processes.
- These regulators have the power to investigate complaints, suspend or cancel accreditation or impose conditions on an instructor's license.
- The Commonwealth Government does not directly regulate driving instructors.

Cheers,
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The Hon Catherine King MP

**Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Member for Ballarat**

Ref: MC25-016559

Dear Minister

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Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

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cc Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher, the Minister for Women
cc Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, the Minister for Social Services

CATTERMOLE, Susan

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Sent: Thursday, 4 September 2025 4:52 PM
To: CATTERMOLE, Susan
Cc: Langford, Anita; Cashman, Melissa; Hall, Jessica; s22(1)(a) RVS FAS Office; DLO CKing; s22(1)(a) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Driving instructor lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks Susan, those are the names we have too.

Much appreciated.

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Hi s22(1)
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The letter looks OK from our perspective.

As far as we can tell in the time available, in each jurisdiction, the accreditation, licensing and complaint handling for driver instructors sits with the Transport Ministers. We have checked websites and Administrative Arrangement Orders where possible.

Jurisdiction	Minister
ACT	Minister for City and Government Services, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA
NSW	Minister for Transport, the Hon John Graham MP
NT	Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure, the Hon William Yan MLA
QLD	Minister for Transport and Main Roads, the Hon Brent Mickelberg MP
SA	Minister Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
TAS	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
VIC	Minister for Transport Infrastructure, the Hon Gabrielle Williams MP
WA	Minister for Transport, the Hon Rita Saffioti MLA

Thanks
Sue

Susan Cattermole

Assistant Secretary • Office of Road Safety • Road and Vehicle Safety Division

susan.cattermole@infrastructure.gov.au

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We work flexibly at DITRDCA. I'm sending this message at a time that suits me.

I respect your personal time and don't expect you to read, respond to, or action it outside of your regular working hours.

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*I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, work and live.
I recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities.
I pay my respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.*

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<Melissa.cashman@infrastructure.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Driving instructor lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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From: DLO CKing
Sent: Friday, 5 September 2025 2:10 PM
To: Graham Office Email
Cc: DLO.Gallagher; DLO.Plibersek; s22(1)(a) ; DLO CKing
Subject: MC25-016558 - correspondence from Minister C King to Minister Graham re the conduct of driving instructors [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: MC25-016558 - Minister C King letter to Minister Graham.pdf

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Good afternoon,

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Kind regards,

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The Hon Catherine King MP

**Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Member for Ballarat**

Ref: MC25-016558

The Hon John Graham MLC
Minister for Transport
Member of the Legislative Council
Parliament of New South Wales
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister *John,*

I write to you regarding the deeply concerning reports of young people experiencing harm from driving instructors.

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Yours sincerely

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Catherine King MP

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cc Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher, the Minister for Women
cc Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, the Minister for Social Services

From: DLO CKing <dlo.cking@mo.infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 5 September 2025 2:17 PM
To: steel@act.gov.au; cheyne@act.gov.au
Cc: DLO.Gallagher; DLO.Plibersek@s22(1); DLO CKing
Subject: MC25-016570 correspondence from Minister C King to Ministers Steel and Cheyne re the conduct of driving instructors [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: MC25-016570 - Minister C King letter to Ministers Steel and Cheyne.pdf

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The Hon Catherine King MP

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
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Ref: MC25-016570

Mr Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Transport
Member for Murrumbidge
Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA
Minister for City and Government Services
Member for Ginninderra
Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Minister

Chris & Tara

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Yours sincerely



Catherine King MP

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cc Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher, the Minister for Women
cc Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, the Minister for Social Services

From: DLO CKing
Sent: Friday, 5 September 2025 2:20 PM
To: minister.williams@dgs.vic.gov.au
Cc: DLO.Gallagher; DLO.Plibersek@s22(1); DLO CKing
Subject: MC25-016560 - correspondence from Minister C King to Minister Williams re the conduct of driving instructors [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: MC25-016560 - Minister C King letter to Minister Williams.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Catherine King to Minister Williams regarding the conduct of driving instructors.

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Member for Ballarat

Ref: MC25-016560

The Hon Gabrielle Williams MP
Minister for Transport Infrastructure
Minister for Public and Active Transport
Member for Dandenong
Parliament of Victoria
PO Box 2392
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Dear Minister

Gabrielle,

I write to you regarding the deeply concerning reports of young people experiencing harm from driving instructors.

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Yours sincerely

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Catherine King MP

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cc Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher, the Minister for Women
cc Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, the Minister for Social Services

From: DLO CKing
Sent: Friday, 5 September 2025 2:25 PM
To: mainroads@ministerial.qld.gov.au
Cc: DLO.Gallagher; DLO.Plibersek@s22(1); DLO CKing
Subject: MC25-016566 - correspondence from Minister C King to Minister Mickelberg re the conduct of driving instructors [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: MC25-016566 - Minister C King letter to Minister Mickelberg.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached Correspondence from Minister Catherine King to Minister Mickelberg regarding the conduct of driving instructors.

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Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Member for Ballarat

Ref: MC25-016566

The Hon Brent Mickelberg MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads
Member for Buderim
Queensland Parliament
GPO Box 1549
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Minister 

I write to you regarding the deeply concerning reports of young people experiencing harm from driving instructors.

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From: DLO CKing <dlo.cking@mo.infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 5 September 2025 2:29 PM
To: minister.vincent@dpac.tas.gov.au
Cc: DLO.Gallagher; DLO.Plibersek@s22(1); DLO CKing
Subject: MC25-016572 - correspondence to Minister C King to Minister Vincent re the conduct of driving instructors [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: MC25-016572 - Minister C King Letter to Minister Vincent.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Catherine King to Minister Vincent regarding the conduct of driving instructors.

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Member for Ballarat

Ref: MC25-016572

The Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Parliament of Tasmania
GPO Box 123
HOBART TAS 7001

Dear Minister

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kerry'.

I write to you regarding the deeply concerning reports of young people experiencing harm from driving instructors.

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Catherine King MP

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cc Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher, the Minister for Women
cc Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, the Minister for Social Services

From: DLO CKing
Sent: Friday, 5 September 2025 2:32 PM
To: Minister.Saffioti@dpc.wa.gov.au
Cc: DLO.Gallagher; DLO.Plibersek@s22(1); DLO CKing
Subject: MC25-016568 - correspondence from Minister C King to Deputy Premier Saffioti re the conduct of driving instructors [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: MC25-016568 - Minister C King letter to Deputy Premier Saffioti.pdf

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Please find attached correspondence from Minister Catherine King to Deputy Premier Saffioti regarding the conduct of driving instructors.

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The Hon Catherine King MP

**Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
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The Hon Rita Saffioti MLA
Deputy Premier
Treasurer
Minister for Transport; Sport and Recreation
Member for West Swan
Parliament of Western Australia
13th Floor Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Rita
Dear Deputy Premier

I write to you regarding the deeply concerning reports of young people experiencing harm from driving instructors.

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Catherine King MP

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From: DLO CKing
Sent: Friday, 5 September 2025 2:35 PM
To: minister.yan@nt.gov.au
Cc: DLO.Gallagher; DLO.Plibersek@s22(1); DLO CKing
Subject: MC25-016569 - correspondence from Minister C King to Minister Yan re the conduct of driving instructors [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: MC25-016569 - Minister C King letter to Minister Yan.pdf

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Ref: MC25-016569

The Hon Bill Yan MLA
Treasurer
Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure
Minister for Housing Construction
Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory
GPO Box 3146
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Minister

Bill,

I write to you regarding the deeply concerning reports of young people experiencing harm from driving instructors.

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From: DLO CKing
Sent: Friday, 5 September 2025 2:39 PM
To: Minister.Koutsantonis@sa.gov.au
Cc: DLO.Gallagher; DLO.Plibersek@s22(1); DLO CKing
Subject: MC25-016567 - correspondence from Minister C King to Minister Koutsantonis re the conduct of driving instructors [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Member for Ballarat

Ref: MC25-016567

The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Member for West Torrens
Parliament of South Australia
GPO Box 1533
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Minister

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