



COMMUNIQUE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT MINISTERS' MEETING

Friday 21 November 2025

Infrastructure and Transport Ministers met virtually today.

Infrastructure Construction Productivity

Ministers noted the release of the National Construction Industry Forum's *Blueprint for the Future*, designed to help drive improved construction productivity. Ministers recognised that stronger collaboration across governments and industry is critical to delivering a stronger, safer and more inclusive construction sector.

Implementation of the Unacceptable Behaviours Guide

Ministers discussed actions to identify, prevent and address corrupt and criminal behaviours on transport infrastructure construction sites, to help ensure a safer and more productive construction sector. This includes implementation of Unacceptable Behaviours Guides developed by New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. These Guides help construction industry participants to identify and report unacceptable behaviours.

Opportunities for rail freight as part of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy

Ministers welcomed a presentation from the Australasian Railway Association on the opportunities of moving freight by rail in Australia. In recognition of the complexity of our national freight task, Ministers emphasised the importance of better analysis as part of implementing the actions in the refreshed National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy. Ministers have tasked ITSOC to progress this work as a matter of priority, with further advice to be provided to ITMM at its first meeting in 2026.

Regulation of Driving Instructors

Ministers agreed that reports of young people experiencing harm from driving instructors are deeply concerning and that every learner driver has the right to feel safe and protected while learning to drive. Ministers discussed current arrangements for the regulation of driving instructors in jurisdictions and agreed to progress additional measures necessary in their jurisdictions to prevent further harm and support a safe environment for learner drivers. For example, South Australia is reforming their driver training and assessment industry, introducing proactive measures designed to protect vulnerable members of the community, especially young learner drivers.

National Regulatory Framework for e-Mobility Devices

Ministers agreed to work towards a regulatory framework for e-mobility devices to ensure safe and consistent supply and use of these devices in the Australian market, while still promoting mobility and innovation. The Framework will be underpinned by clear, enforceable rules of use, education and guidance material. Ministers will receive an update on development of the Framework at the first ITMM meeting of 2026, noting ongoing public

enquiries in WA and QLD. To supplement this, and to assist importers, the Commonwealth will reinstate the EN-15194 standard and meet with relevant stakeholders to ensure the use of this standard is well understood and supported.

Automated Vehicles – implementation timeframes regulatory framework

Ministers agreed a new approach to guide the deployment of automated vehicles in Australia, enabling these technologies to operate on our roads in a safe and controlled way, unlocking both productivity and safety benefits. This regulatory approach will enable conditional deployment of automated vehicles in select locations from 2027 as a first step, with full national AV readiness as soon as practical thereafter, subject to each jurisdiction's capabilities.

Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) Strategic Direction

Ministers were updated by Dr Natalie Pelham, ONRSR Chief Executive, regarding how ONRSR is improving safety including industry implementation of the Code of Practice: Train Visibility at Level Crossings, interoperability and productivity in the rail sector.

National Road Safety Strategy – Default Speed Limits

Ministers noted recent feedback from consultation on open road default speed limits that has been in the National Road Safety Strategy since 2018. Ministers noted the Commonwealth does not set speed limits in any jurisdiction, and that states and territories are responsible for these decisions. No further work is being undertaken on open road default speed limits.

Next Meeting

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



ITMM ATTENDEES

The Hon Catherine King MP (Commonwealth)	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP (New South Wales)	Minister for Roads; Minister for Regional Transport
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 Gabrielle Williams MP (Victoria)	Minister for Transport Infrastructure; Minister for Public and Active Transport
The Hon Melissa Horne MP (Victoria)	Minister for Ports and Freight; Minister for Roads and Road Safety; Minister for Health Infrastructure
The Hon Brent Mickelberg MP (Queensland)	Minister for Transport and Main Roads
The Hon Emily Bourke MLC (South Australia)	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport; Minister for Autism; Leader of Government Business in the House of Assembly
The Hon Rita Saffioti MLA (Western Australia)	Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Minister for Sports and Recreation
The Hon Kerry Vincent MLC (Tasmania)	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport; Minister 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 Services; Attorney-General; Minister for Human Rights; Minister for City and Government Services; Minister for the Night-time Economy

