



INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT MINISTERS' MEETING

22 DECEMBER 2021

The Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 15 December 2021 has been postponed until early 2022. Ministers have progressed the following important matters ahead of the next meeting.

MAKING OUR ROADS SAFER

National Road Safety Strategy 2021–2030

Ministers agreed to release the National Road Safety Strategy 2021-30 (Strategy) as soon as practicable. The Strategy sets the direction for delivering significant reductions in road trauma over the next decade and was supported by Ministers on 28 May 2021. Ministers noted the basis for forming the Strategy are contained in a series of fact sheets that will accompany the publication of the Strategy, available at www.roadsafety.gov.au.

Ministers agreed to discuss the next steps for a draft National Road Safety Action Plan to 2025, and the Intergovernmental Agreement on Data Sharing for Road Safety Data, at their next meeting.

IMPROVING HEAVY VEHICLE PRODUCTIVITY

Heavy Vehicle Charges

Ministers considered the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared by the National Transport Commission (NTC), following consultation on heavy vehicle charge setting options in 2021 and took a decision only on preferred heavy vehicle charges for 2022-23.

Having considered submissions received in response to the NTC RIS, Ministers identified a preference for heavy vehicle charges to increase by 2.75 per cent for 2022-23. They have asked the NTC to undertake further public consultation on that specific proposal, ahead of a final ITMM decision around March 2022.

In making these decisions, Ministers were mindful of the growing gap between the heavy vehicle share of recent government road expenditure and the current level of charges. Ministers acknowledged that charges needed to move back towards cost recovery levels, but also that any increase needed to be manageable for industry.

Ministers will re-visit the issue of heavy vehicle charges in 2022, including the possibility of multi-year charge setting to provide additional certainty to industry on heavy vehicle charges. Other recommendations from the NTC RIS will be considered at the next ITMM meeting in early 2022.

APPROACH TO IN-CABIN/AUDIO-VISUAL CAMERAS

Ministers endorsed a proposal for the introduction of mandatory requirements for mainline passenger and freight trains to be fitted with in-cab audio and video recording devices for safety purposes. As part of the proposal, the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator will develop a guideline on what constitutes proper consultation based on safety legislation case law and clearly articulating the expectations of the Regulator.

MEMBERS

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development (Commonwealth)
The Hon Scott Buchholz MP	Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport (Commonwealth)
The Hon Kevin Hogan MP	Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister (Commonwealth)
The Hon Robert Stokes MP*	Minister for Transport and Roads (New South Wales)
The Hon Paul Toole MP*	Minister for Regional Transport and Roads (New South Wales)
The Hon Jacinta Allan MP	Minister for Transport Infrastructure (Victoria)
The Hon Ben Carroll MP	Minister for Public Transport; Roads and Road Safety (Victoria)
The Hon Steven Miles MP	Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure Local Government and Planning (Queensland)
The Hon Mark Bailey MP	Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Queensland)
The Hon Corey Wingard MP	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (South Australia)
The Hon Rita Saffioti MLA	Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports (Western Australia)
The Hon Michael Ferguson MP	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Tasmania)
The Hon Eva Lawler MLA	Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (Northern Territory)
Chris Steel MLA	Minister for Transport and City Services; Minister for Skills Special Minister of State (Australian Capital Territory)
Cr Linda Scott	President (Australian Local Government Association)

* Ministers endorsed the above items prior to 17 December whilst these Ministers were still in the identified Ministerial portfolios.

