



Transport and Infrastructure Council

Communiqué

WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2020

Yesterday, the Transport and Infrastructure Council (Council) convened to discuss the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) currently being experienced by Australia's transport sectors. Council comprises Transport, Infrastructure and Planning Ministers from the Commonwealth, States and Territories and the Australian Local Government Association.

Council has agreed to freeze heavy vehicle charges at their current levels for the year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. These charges, normally set to recover the heavy vehicle share of recent road expenditure, will not increase by the 2.5 per cent proposed last November.

Transport Ministers have taken this decision in light of the extraordinary contraction in economic activity and income expected for the June quarter. By freezing charges, Council will support the operators of heavy vehicles, many of whom are small businesses. Some are working hard under tight margins to keep essential goods moving during the COVID-19 pandemic, while others are experiencing a severe downturn in work.

This decision means the Commonwealth Road User Charge will stay at 25.8 cents per litre for 2020-21, and State and Territory registration fees for heavy vehicles will stay at their current levels except where minor administrative adjustments are needed.

The Western Australian Government is considering 2020-21 heavy motor vehicle licence fees independently of the Council decision.

PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

The Hon Michael McCormack MP	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development (Commonwealth)
The Hon Andrew Constance 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 Jaala Pulford MP	Minister for Roads; Minister for Road Safety and the TAC (Victoria)
The Hon Mark Bailey MP	Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Queensland)
The Hon Cameron Dick MP	Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (Queensland)
The Hon Stephan Knoll MP	Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government; Planning (South Australia)
The Hon Rita Saffioti MLA	Minister for Transport; Planning (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 Canberra; City Services; Multicultural Affairs; Recycling and Waste Reduction; Roads and Active Travel (Australian Capital Territory)
Mayor David O'Loughlin	President (Australian Local Government Association)

