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Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

Re: Regulation of mobility scooters, also known as motorised wheelchairs

I refer to Austroads earlier submission dated 8 March 2018. In that submission I referred to the Australian Standard Technical Specification for Motorised Wheelchairs (SA TS 3695.3:2018) that was under development. I am pleased to inform the committee that on Friday 22 June 2018 the SA TS 3695.3:2018 was published.

As outlined previously, Austroads will now approach the National Transport Commission seeking amendments to the Australian Road Rules (ARR) model law to recognise the new Technical Specification document. This will require the unanimous support of all Australian jurisdictions and will be subject to a Regulatory Impact Assessment.

If the proposed changes to the ARR are supported, jurisdictions will then need to make amendments to their local legislation to give legal effect to the model legislation. This will likely take 12 months to two years and industry will also need sufficient time to turnover existing stock and implement the labelling scheme.

The new SA TS 3695.3:2018 is available to purchase through SAI Global.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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**Chief Executive**