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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

**PIA SUBMISSION: THE ROLE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN DELIVERING PRODUCTIVITY OUTCOMES**

As the national peak body representing around 5,000 of Australia's urban and regional planning professionals working in all sectors, the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission to the Senate Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee into *The role of public transport in delivering productivity outcomes*.

The Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) has a central role in developing and supporting high-quality planning professionals across all sectors to deliver good planning outcomes. PIA collaborates with government, academia, industry and the public and private sectors to improve the delivery of planning services and community access to planning.

PIA has continued to contribute to numerous national committees and discussions regarding planning systems and policy at the national level including representation on the National Urban Policy Forum and the Development Assessment Forum. We are keen participants in a range of national level forums and projects including the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council, Moving Australia Taskforce, Urban Coalition, the COAG Reform Council's Cities workshops and on a range of specific issues based matters including airports, climate change, renewable energy, water and other major infrastructure related matters.

We draw your attention to the content and recommendations of *Moving Australia 2030 – A transport plan for a productive and active Australia*, developed by the Moving People Taskforce, of which PIA is a member. The Moving People 2030 Taskforce, comprised of 8 national organisations, launched a comprehensive report to Federal, State and Territorial Governments on how we can deliver a prosperous, sustainable, liveable and healthy Australia by 2030.

*Moving Australia 2030 - A Transport Plan for a Productive and Active Australia* sets out pathways for the establishment of a transport, land use management, planning and funding framework, including how we move people, today and in the future, to maintain the living standards we currently enjoy in Australia.

We refer you to the detail of that report and the recommendations on public transport contained within. A copy of this report can be found at <http://www.planning.org.au/policy/moving-australia-2030>

In this regard, PIA offers its support to the submission on this Inquiry prepared by the Bus Industry Confederation and the recommendations contained therein, which draw out the relevant matters from the *Moving Australia 2030* report.

We note that the period for submissions held over the summer break has closed, however we hope that you will accept this brief submission on behalf of Australia's urban and regional planners.

Should you require more information or are able to provide a further opportunity for a more detailed submission to be prepared, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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