

## 2015 Review of the National Transport Commission (under Section 51 of the *National Transport Commission Act 2003*).

### Terms of Reference<sup>i</sup>

#### **Evaluation of the National Transport Commission's ('the Commission') operational effectiveness**

The Review will assess the effectiveness of:

- the Commission in delivering regulatory and operational road, rail and intermodal transport reform in accordance with:
  - the *National Transport Commission Act 2003* ('the Act');
  - the Intergovernmental Agreement for Regulatory and Operational Reform in Road, Rail and Intermodal Transport;
  - the Statement of Expectations (November 2013);
- the Commission's reform maintenance process that supports the delivery of regulatory and operational reform; and
- the Commission's governance arrangements in facilitating the delivery of tasks and whether any changes should be considered.

#### **Evolution of the transport reform environment—consideration of NTC's future role and relationships**

The Review will:

- make recommendations on whether the NTC should continue in operation;
- examine the relationship between the Commission, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator—including consideration of the clarity of regulatory, policy advising and operational roles; and
- consider the strategic drivers impacting on the future role of the NTC and the advice that will be required by jurisdictions noting the policy environment and challenges that governments will face in coming years.

#### **Future work priorities and governance arrangements (if the NTC is to continue)**

If the Review recommends the continuation of the Commission, it will also make recommendations on:

- the NTC's future role and work priorities;
- the role of the Commission in relation to Commonwealth, state, territory and local governments and other government agencies;
- the appropriate level of resourcing for the future body; and
- any necessary amendments to the NTC Act and or the IGA to implement these changes.

#### **Conduct of the Review**

The Review will be undertaken by an Expert Panel with Secretariat support to be provided by the Commonwealth. The Expert Panel report will be prepared in a manner that will facilitate the Council meeting the requirements of section 51 of the Act.

The Expert Panel will provide an interim report to the Council (through TISOC) by 15 April 2015, to facilitate a discussion by the Council in May 2015. The final report will be lodged with the Council (through TISOC) by 1 August 2015.

The Panel will consult as appropriate with jurisdictions and industry in line with this Terms of Reference.

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<sup>i</sup> Agreed to by the Transport and Infrastructure Council on 7 November 2014

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Preparing for Review (1)	Schedule/ Workplan (2)	Work Began (3)	Review due to commence (4)	Expected Report date (5)	Clauses (8)	Terms of Reference (9)	Scope (10)	Review being conducted by (11)	Budget (12)	Minister briefed (13)	Decision Points (14)	No of officers involved (15)	Report tabling (16)
Initial scoping and determination of costs	31/10/14 Initial review received, registered and sent to technical specialists  3/11/14 Cost estimate sent to applicant  3/11/14 Applicant withdrew request	31/10/14	N/A	N/A	AD/BAe 146/94 - Fuselage Skin Chafing	CASR 1998 – Regulations 39.006 and 39.007	Continued applicability of Airworthiness Directive when newer service documentation is taken into account	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1x ASR2	N/A
Initial scoping preparation to update airworthiness directive	2/9/14 Initial review received, registered and sent to technical specialists  7/11/14 Determination made that AD needed correcting, no charge to applicant as the required change was minor  18/11/14 Amendment of AD begun	2/9/14	Refer to previous column	N/A – CASA does not publish reports on AD reviews	AD/S-76/66 - Main Landing Gear Positioning Rod Assembly	CASR 1998 – Regulations 39.006 and 39.007	Continued applicability of Airworthiness Directive when the AD is not required on newer model aircraft	Carl Madsen, Airworthiness Engineer  Selected due to subject matter expertise	Unknown at this stage	N/A	N/A	1x ASR2	N/A
Initial scoping preparation	22/6/14 Review request (1) received,	22/6/14	N/A	N/A	AD/BEECH 200/35 Amdt 6 -	CASR 1998 – Regulations	Continued applicability of Airworthiness	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1x ASR2	N/A

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and determination of costs	<p>registered and sent to technical specialists</p> <p>30/6/14: Review request (2) received, registered and sent to technical specialists, applicant advised via phone that costs would apply and request was withdrawn.</p> <p><i>...cont next page</i></p> <p>14/10/14 Reply email sent to applicant (1) advising that a formal review would be cost recoverable.</p> <p>30/10/14 Cost estimate sent to applicant (1).</p> <p>30/10/14 Review request (3) received. Applicant advised via phone of costs and decided not to continue.</p>				Wing Fatigue Life Limitation	39.006 and 39.007	Directive when the some requirements of the AD are now included in manufacturers maintenance data.						