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Secretary

Senator Glenn Sterle  
Chair  
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport  
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Dear Chair

I am writing to follow up the questioning to myself from Senator Gary Humphries on the National Airport Safeguarding (NASAG) Framework at the recent Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (the Committee) hearings on Tuesday, 16 October 2012.

You will recall that I advised the Committee that the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure (the Standing Council) minutes of Friday, 18 May 2012, at which the NASAG Framework was adopted as a strategic planning tool, were to be approved at the next meeting of the Standing Council in November 2012. I wish to formally advise the Committee that the minutes were in fact adopted at a telepresence meeting of the Standing Council on Monday, 13 August 2012. The meeting, which was attended by Ministers (or their representatives) from the Commonwealth and state and territories, formally adopted the decision in regards to the NASAG Framework with no amendments.

A copy of the adopted May 2012 Standing Council minutes were provided to the Committee Secretariat on Tuesday, 16 October 2012. I have enclosed for your reference a copy of the draft telepresence minutes that will now be considered at the November 2012 Standing Council meeting as well the Communique from the May 2012 Standing Council meeting.

Yours sincerely

Mike Mrdak

23 October 2012

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Minister for Infrastructure, Tasmania  
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# STANDING COUNCIL ON TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

13 AUGUST 2012

## FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

### 1. OPENING AND ADMINISTRATION

The Chair:

- welcomed members to the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure (SCOTI) Telepresence;
- noted apologies from:
  - Minister Patrick Conlon, South Australia - represented by Mr Andy Milazzo;
  - Minister David O'Byrne, Tasmania - represented by Mr Norm McIlfatrick; and
  - Minister Simon Corbell, Australian Capital Territory - represented by Mr Stephen Goggs.
- noted that the Northern Territory government is in caretaker mode - observer Barbara Littler;
- noted he had received a written vote in advance from Minister McCarthy (Northern Territory) and Minister Corbell (Australian Capital Territory) on the Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill; and
- adopted the Agenda as circulated.

### 2. MINUTES

(Submission Reference – SCOTI 12/22)

SCOTI

1. **ADOPTED** the Minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> SCOTI meeting held in South Australia on Friday, 18 May 2012.

### 3. NATIONAL TRANSPORT REGULATOR – HEAVY VEHICLES

(Submission Reference – SCOTI 12/23)

SCOTI

1. **AGREED** the maximum penalties, as set out in the 'Proposed National Penalties' attachment and included in the Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill, noting that SCOTI agreed on 18 May 2012 that the Transport and Infrastructure Senior Officials' Committee will undertake a further review of the maximum penalties by 2014.
2. **NOTED**
  - a) the update on the Risk Classification System for Advanced Fatigue Management and that this will be considered by SCOTI in November 2012;
  - b) the timeline for the passage of the national law in Queensland; and
  - c) that the legislative forward work program includes a detailed review of the Executive Officer liability provisions.

3. **APPROVED** the Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill and directed TISOC to review and agree Executive Officer Liability provisions against the Business Regulation and Competition Working Group guidelines and Chain of Responsibility provisions prior to the Amendment Bill being introduced by the Queensland Government.
4. **NOTED**
  - a) that further work is required to finalise the Bill, including in relation to Performance Based Standards and mass-related penalties and that Ministers reserve the right to require further SCOTI consideration of any major subsequent amendments to the Bill;
  - b) that New South Wales is reviewing minor technical issues relating to speed limiter devices and analogue tachographs in buses as they appear in the NSW safety and traffic management law and may also need to provide for existing bus productivity issues; and
  - c) that South Australia will maintain their existing police enforcement powers.

#### **4. NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS** (Submission Reference – SCOTI 12/24)

##### **SCOTI**

1. **NOTED** the work undertaken by the selection panel comprising Jim Hallion, Mike Mrdak and Reece Waldock.
2. **AGREED** to defer discussion of the appointment of the two non-executive directors for the National Rail Safety Regulator to allow for further consultation prior to the SCOTI meeting in November 2012.

#### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **SCOTI**

1. **NOTED** that the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be hosted by Minister Buswell in Perth on Friday, 9 November 2012.







## STANDING COUNCIL ON TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### *Communiqué*

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
FRIDAY, 18 MAY 2012**

The 2nd meeting of the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure (the Standing Council) was held in South Australia today to consider a range of major transport reforms. The Standing Council includes Transport, Infrastructure and Planning Ministers from the Commonwealth, States and the Territories, New Zealand and the Australian Local Government Association.

#### **NATIONAL TRANSPORT REGULATOR REFORMS**

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Today Ministers took several major decisions to advance the historic reform process that will see the establishment of national heavy vehicle, rail safety and maritime safety regulators from 1 January 2013.

Ministers unanimously agreed to the national law to establish the Australian Maritime Safety Authority as the National Maritime Regulator of domestic commercial vessels. The national law is to be introduced into the Commonwealth Parliament in the coming session.

Ministers congratulated the South Australian Minister and the National Rail Safety Regulator Project Office on the passing of the Rail Safety National Law through the South Australian Parliament this month and noted the significance of this milestone in the move to establish the National Rail Safety Regulator, noting New South Wales will continue its current approaches to fatigue management and drug and alcohol testing as part of the national regulations.

Today Ministers agreed to appoint Robin Stewart-Crompton, Coral Taylor, Peter Garske and Vince Tremaine to the National Heavy Regulator Board which is chaired by the Hon Bruce Baird AO. These individuals bring a wealth of skills and experience to the Board, including extensive transport, business and finance expertise and strong leadership to shape this national body. An announcement on the Chief Executive Officer is expected in the near future.

#### **HEAVY VEHICLES**

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Ministers also agreed today to release the National Transport Commission's charging model in a format that is user friendly for industry to improve the transparency of the current charging arrangements and maximise the opportunity for industry engagement in reforms to the national system of charges.

Ministers further agreed that the National Transport Commission complete a comprehensive review of the heavy vehicle charging system, including the balance of charging mechanisms and a review of the assumptions and methodologies used to determine charges to ensure they are practical and fair. This review is to be completed by mid-2013.

Ministers also agreed to the adoption of a single national modular B-triple vehicle specification which will enable modular B-triples to have access to the current road train network on the same basis as double (Type I) road trains. This is a significant productivity enhancement for the heavy vehicle sector.

## **NATIONAL AIRPORT SAFEGUARDING FRAMEWORK**

Ministers agreed a National Airports Safeguarding Framework, a national land use planning regime to protect airports and communities from inappropriate off-airport development, noting reservations from New South Wales on the format of the guideline on measures for managing impacts of aircraft noise.

The agreement represents a collective commitment from Governments to ensure that an appropriate balance is maintained between the social, economic and environmental needs of the community and the effective use of airport sites.

## **PARTICIPATING MEMBERS**

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<b>The Hon Anthony Albanese MP</b>	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Commonwealth)
<b>The Hon Catherine King MP</b>	Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Transport (Commonwealth)
<b>The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP</b>	Minister for Transport (New South Wales)
<b>The Hon Duncan Gay MLC</b>	Minister for Roads and Ports (New South Wales)
<b>The Hon Terry Mulder MP</b>	Minister for Roads, Minister for Public Transport (Victoria)
<b>The Hon Dr Denis Napthine MP</b>	Minister for Ports, Minister for Major Projects (Victoria)
<b>The Hon Scott Emerson MP</b>	Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Queensland)
<b>The Hon Patrick Conlon MHA</b>	Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure (South Australia)
<b>The Hon David O'Byrne MP</b>	Minister for Infrastructure (Tasmania)
<b>The Hon Gerry McCarthy MLA</b>	Minister for Transport; Lands and Planning (Northern Territory)
<b>The Hon Simon Bridges MP</b>	Associate Minister of Transport (New Zealand) representing the Hon Gerry Brownlee MP
<b>Councillor Paul Bell</b>	Councillor, Emerald Shire Council, Queensland (Australian Local Government Association)



