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Ms. Maureen Weeks  
Secretary  
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Weeks

I refer again to your letter of March 2 requesting advice on the proposed bills relating to the Auslink program.

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport is represented on the Australian Logistics Council and I am aware that the Council has submitted advice on this matter.

It is not our intention to replicate that advice. However, the Institute would make two further points that we believe to be of importance in the review.

**1. Establishment of a National Infrastructure Advisory Council**

The Institute considers there is no need to establish a separate National Infrastructure Advisory Council. The Federal Government has created the Australian Logistics Council (ALC) as the group supported by Government and representing the industry in the development of a more efficient and effective movement of freight.

In this role the ALC is well placed to advise the Government in regard to the infrastructure development proposed in the Auslink program.

**2. Roads to Recovery and Public Transport**

The Institute considers that the Roads to Recovery program should include public transport.

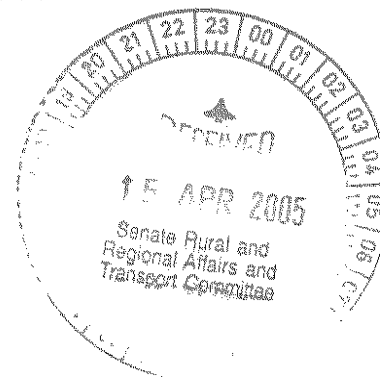
Public Transport affects the primary part of the population in Australia. It is imperative that the Federal Government take a strong role in the development of public transport in order to ensure a reasonable coordination of public transport. History shows that the various State Governments will head off in separate directions and not consider issues in a national way.

Yours sincerely

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