



The Hon Catherine King MP

**Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Member for Ballarat**

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Dear Minister

s22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted]

I am also writing regarding the serious allegations of misconduct by some members of the construction division of the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union (CFMEU).

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Released under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

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With respect to the recent allegations against CFMEU officials, the Government is deeply concerned by this alleged misconduct. Corruption and criminal conduct is unacceptable in any workplace, and the former Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon Tony Burke MP, has taken several actions in response to these issues, including requesting the Australian Federal Police investigate allegations, and supporting the Fair Work Commission to appoint independent administrators.

As joint funding partners in the delivery of transport infrastructure projects, I expect that any information regarding improper or criminal conduct by any entities related to projects delivered under the *National Land Transport Act 2014* be reported immediately to the relevant regulator, and this is now reflected in the draft FFAS. I also expect it is reported to my department.

These allegations also highlight the importance of key clauses in the FFAS and the need to finalise this agreement expeditiously. As you are aware, the draft FFAS refers to the states and territories' responsibility to ensure value for money for public funds and to engage delivery partners who prioritise ethical practices. The FFAS also notes the shared responsibility to support initiatives to improve productivity in the construction industry.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

I have copied this letter to the Treasurer, state and territory Treasurers, and Infrastructure and Transport Ministers.

Yours sincerely



Catherine King MP

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