



# COMMUNIQUE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT MINISTERS' MEETING

Wednesday 6 December, 2023

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Infrastructure and Transport Ministers met today in Hobart, Tasmania.

## **Road Safety**

Ministers noted the 2023 National Road Safety Annual Progress Report and agreed to publish a progress report in early 2024. Ministers noted their concern at the increasing national road toll, and agreed Road Safety Ministers would engage with Police Ministers as part of a National Road Safety Conference as soon as practical in 2024 to discuss emerging road safety trends and to investigate short term actions which could be taken to stem the rising road toll, and report back to the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting (ITMM) as a matter of priority. Ministers further agreed to scope a national road safety education campaign to be considered by Road Safety Ministers in early 2024.

## **Decarbonisation**

Ministers agreed to release shared principles for national transport decarbonisation, and noted the progress towards the development of a nationally consistent set of carbon values for use in transport infrastructure project decision making.

Ministers also approved a nationally consistent set of carbon values for use in transport infrastructure project decision making and agreed the Infrastructure Decarbonisation Working Group will report back to ITMM in mid-2024 on proposed policy levers available to governments to ensure transport infrastructure projects support decarbonisation goals.

## **Market capacity constraints**

Ministers were briefed by Infrastructure Australia on its market capacity map which may be used by jurisdictions to help monitor market capacity issues and help address constraints affecting the construction industry, including workforce and resource shortages, cost escalation and productivity challenges.

## **Accessible Public Transport - Stage 2 reforms**

Ministers discussed the implementation of the reforms to the Transport Standards and the importance of placing people with disability at the centre of considerations. Ministers agreed to

collaboratively develop guidance material to support the prioritisation of accessibility upgrades across Australia's public transport networks.

### **Heavy Vehicle National Law**

Ministers were briefed by the National Transport Commission (NTC) on the package of amendments to the Heavy Vehicle National Law and regulations. While significant consultation and drafting has been completed, a complex legislative drafting task remains. To deliver on the ambition of the reforms agreed in 2022, ITMM agreed to extend the deadline for the legislative package to be submitted to ITMM, to December 2024 as suggested by industry stakeholders.

### **Child safety restraints**

Ministers agreed the NTC will conduct a review of the child restraint rules within the Australian Road Rules likely in 2024-25, following advocacy from child safety organisations.

### **Next Meeting**

Ministers looked forward to meeting again in person in Queensland in the second quarter of 2024.



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**PARTICIPATING MEMBERS**

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<b>The Hon Catherine King MP</b>	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (Commonwealth)
<b>Senator the Hon Carol Brown</b>	Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Commonwealth)
<b>The Hon Jo Haylen MP</b>	Minister for Transport (New South Wales)
<b>The Hon Danny Pearson MP</b>	Minister for Transport Infrastructure (Victoria)
<b>The Hon Mark Bailey MP</b>	Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Queensland)
<b>The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP</b>	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (South Australia)
<b>The Hon David Michael MLA (obo The Hon Rita Saffioti MLA)</b>	Minister for Ports; Local Government; Road Safety; Minister assisting the Minister for Transport (Western Australia)
<b>The Hon Michael Ferguson MP</b>	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport; Planning (Tasmania)
<b>The Hon Joel Bowden MLA</b>	Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (Northern Territory)
<b>Mr Chris Steel MLA</b>	Minister for Transport; City Services; Roads and Active Travel (Australian Capital Territory)

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