

SUBMISSION

Draft Principles for a National Approach to Co-operative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS) in Australia

I consider that there is a need for clear principles for a National approach to C-ITS under the auspices of the Federal Government and commend the Department and its partner organisations for developing the draft principles and seeking submissions.

All of the proposed principles are important and should provide the clear guidance necessary for users, industry, governments and researchers.

One aspect that I consider may be absent is the consideration of equitable access to C-ITS applications and benefits, particularly safety benefits, in terms of affordability. To maximise benefits across all of the Australian society, access to C-ITS should be viewed in a similar way to access to the physical road network infrastructure; ie, C-ITS seen as a digital or virtual infrastructure provided to users on an equitable basis, including vulnerable road users and users in lower socioeconomic circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

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