



Transport and Infrastructure Council

Meeting Outcomes

TUESDAY, 31 March 2020

The Transport and Infrastructure Council (Council) convened today, and will continue to meet regularly, to discuss and manage the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) on Australia's transport sectors.

Council comprises Transport, Infrastructure and Planning Ministers from the Commonwealth, States and Territories, and the Australian Local Government Association.

The following decisions were made in today's meeting:

- (1) To help reduce the pressures on Australia's health systems, Ministers agreed to progress **an exemption for transport operators to section 114 of the Rail Safety National Law**, allowing operators to postpone routine health assessments for rail safety workers for three months.
- (2) The Council will meet again at the end of this week or early next week.

The following items were discussed:

- (3) **Status of Australia's supply chains** – Ministers noted border measures were now impacting only minimally on the flow of freight between states and territories. Industry has welcomed National Cabinet's decision on Monday 30 March to ensure that truck rest stops will be kept open for drivers.
- (4) **Aviation impacts** – Council noted the importance of recent government support to aviation industry, including the Commonwealth's regional aviation package announced on Saturday 28 March. Ministers will continue coordinating, particularly to ensure flights continue on key regional routes.

PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

The Hon Michael McCormack MP	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development (Commonwealth)
The Hon Andrew Constance MP	Minister for Transport and Roads (New South Wales)
The Hon Paul Toole MP	Minister for Regional Transport and Roads (New South Wales)
The Hon Jacinta Allan MP	Minister for Transport Infrastructure (Victoria)
The Hon Jaala Pulford MLC	Minister for Roads; Road Safety and the TAC (Victoria)
The Hon Mark Bailey MP	Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Queensland)
The Hon Stephan Knoll MP	Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government; Planning (South Australia)
The Hon Rita Saffioti MLA	Minister for Transport; Planning (Western Australia)
The Hon Michael Ferguson MP	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Tasmania)
The Hon Eva Lawler MLA	Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (Northern Territory)
Chris Steel MLA	Minister for Transport Canberra; City Services; Multicultural Affairs; Recycling and Waste Reduction; Roads and Active Travel (Australian Capital Territory)
Mayor David O'Loughlin	President (Australian Local Government Association)

