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Dear Minister

INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS - AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND SECTION

Congratulations on being appointed as Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

The Institute of Transportation Engineers - Australia and New Zealand Section (ITE-ANZ) is part of an international organisation representing a community of transport professionals including transport engineers, transport planners, urban planners, consultants, educators and researchers. Globally, the ITE works to improve mobility and safety for all transport system users and helps build smart and liveable communities. Founded in 1930, the ITE community has about 16,000 members working in more than 75 countries.

Within Australia and New Zealand, ITE-ANZ activities cover all transport modes, transport advocacy and professional development. Debate and discussion are encouraged in our monthly seminars, webinars and professional events. In May 2017, Prime Minister Albanese, then Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development, was the guest speaker at an ITE-ANZ seminar. We look forward to the opportunity to invite you to speak at an ITE-ANZ event.

We welcome the new Government's policy commitments to encourage the take up of low-emission vehicles and the recent formalisation of Australia's pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 43% below 2005 levels by 2030 to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

ITE-ANZ is concerned that Australia has not yet introduced mandatory standards for vehicle CO₂ emissions. It is a national embarrassment that Australia and Russia are the only two OECD countries that have not taken this important step. Of all the policy options available to the government to achieve CO₂ targets in the transport sector, imposing mandatory standards is one of the easiest to implement. We will be writing to both the Minister for Climate Change and Energy and yourself in more detail on this matter in coming weeks.

ITE-ANZ looks forward to contributing to these and other policy initiatives.

Yours faithfully

David Nash
ITE-ANZ Secretary