

The Hon Catherine King MP

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

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Mr David Nash Secretary Institute of Transportation Engineers secretary@ite.org.au

Dear Mr Nash

Thank you for your kind email of 23 June 2022 offering congratulations on my appointment as the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, and highlighting the policy initiatives for the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

It is an incredible honour and privilege to have the opportunity to serve our nation and I am very pleased to have been appointed to this key portfolio which gives me the opportunity to help build a better future for Australians in every corner of the country – from the cities and the suburbs to the regions and remote Australia.

The Australian Government values the contribution organisations such as yours make to the Australian community, and welcomes your policy ideas. Like you, we are disappointed by the lack of action the previous Australian Government took to reduce the emissions of Australian transport. Since coming to office, I have tasked my Department with forming a dedicated unit to work across the portfolio and with industry to ensure the transport and infrastructure sectors are making their fullest contribution to our Government's net-zero targets.

In addition to this dedicated unit, the development of the National Electric Vehicle Strategy will consider further policy positions to add to and build on the policy announcements already made and being implemented that will lead to cleaner transport across Australia.

I do look forward to engaging with you - and seeking your views as I discharge my Ministerial responsibilities.

Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

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