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Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport  
PO Box 6100, Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee,

I wish to make a submission regarding the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill. As a business owner and operator of the Ettamogah Rail Hub at Albury, and in my previous business CRT Group, I have found the assistance provided by Infrastructure Australia to be invaluable. It is vital that we have a fiercely independent body that can provide high quality analysis of infrastructure projects across Australia. Our Constitution did not foresee the critical role that transport would play, and the decision to leave the responsibility for transport to the States has not stood the test of time.

I wholeheartedly support and independent and well resourced Infrastructure Australia and its ability to publish its work. It will be to Australia's detriment if this body is not only maintained but strengthened.

I look forward to seeing that this body is able to continue its excellent and vital work into the future.

Yours sincerely,

**Colin Rees**  
Owner