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Dr Kilhan Perrem Inquiry Secretary Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications PO Box 6021 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Perrem

Thank you for the opportunity to lodge a submission to the Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications' Inquiry into the *Road Safety Remuneration Bill* 2011 and the *Road Safety (Consequential Amendments and Related Provisions) Bill* 2011 (the Inquiry).

The Australian Road Transport Industrial Organisation NSW Branch (ARTIO NSW) represents road transport operators with business interests in NSW in areas related to workplace relations. ARTIO NSW is registered organisation of employing contractors under s.342 of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996 (NSW)*.

As a member body of the Australian Road Transport Industrial Organisation (ARTIO), ARTIO NSW wishes to express its wholehearted support for the submission lodged by ARTIO to the Inquiry.

For the information of the Committee ARTIO NSW has made submissions to the NSW Government and the NSW Parliament in relation to the possible transfer of powers of the NSW Industrial Relations Commission to the proposed Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal. The reasons for this are outlined in the submission to the NSW Parliament's Standing Committee on Law and Justice which is attached. This submission also suggests it may be prudent for the NSW Government to conduct an inquiry should it contemplate a repeal or transfer of the powers of Chapter 6 of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996 (NSW*)Act.

ARTIO NSW would be happy to elaborate on matters raised in this submission or any other matter which may assist the Committee in its deliberations.

Please direct any enquiries to Hugh McMaster, ARTIO NSW Secretary/Treasurer,

Yours sincerely

Hugh McMaster for and on behalf of Laurie D'Apice **President**