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Dear Dr Perrem

Thank you for your letter dated 8 December 2011 to Mr David Stewart, Director-General, Department of Transport and Main Roads regarding the inquiry into the Road Safety Remuneration Bill 2011 and the Road Safety (Consequential Amendments and Related Provisions) Bill 2011. Please note that as this matter falls under the responsibilities of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General I have been requested to reply.

I note the proposed legislation addresses a number of the issues identified in the *Safe Rates, Safe Roads* Directions Paper (Directions Paper) released in November 2010, including establishing a national Road Safety Remuneration System comprising of a Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal and separate education and compliance framework.

I am advised that these matters were addressed in the Queensland Government submission to the Directions Paper in the following terms:

- Queensland did not support any of the models proposed in the Directions Paper but argued that safety in the road transport industry is multi-factorial and should be addressed with a number of intervention strategies.
- Queensland does not believe that the setting of specific rates or methods of payment by the proposed Tribunal under the legislation is likely, in itself, to encourage employers, employees and owner-drivers to adopt a broad range of safe work practices.
- Queensland does not support moving the setting of rates of pay away from the industrial arena and into the transport arena and recommended that economic modelling be undertaken to determine the effects of initiatives that aim to address road safety through economic regulatory measures, such as a system of safe payments.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Tony James, Executive Director, Private Sector Industrial Relations, Department of Justice and Attorney-General, on

Yours sincerely


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