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Mr Jerome Carslake
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Dear Mr Carslake,

**Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative 2020-2021: Round 5 February 2021
Construction Logistics and Community Safety Australia (CLOCS-A) Program Phase 2 Refinement and
Implementation**

I am delighted to provide a letter of support for the National Road Safety Partnership Program (NRSPP) application to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) Safety Initiative Round 5 for funding to support the development of a construction and logistics community safety program - CLOCS-A - in Australia.

The Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (MTIA) is coordinating the delivery of an \$80B program of road and rail projects across Victoria with safety as the overriding priority. MTIA already requires heavy vehicles and drivers working on projects such as the Metro Tunnel Project and Westgate Tunnel Project to comply with vulnerable road user protection requirements similar to those proposed within the draft CLOCS-A document developed by the Australian Road Research Board. MTIA is committed to continuing to improve heavy vehicle and vulnerable road user safety and is incorporating vulnerable road user protection requirements into construction package agreements on the North East Link Project (approx. \$16B) and progressively on other relevant projects in the future.

MTIA also commissioned the Amy Gillett Foundation (via Rail Projects Victoria) to develop an Australian-first training package for heavy vehicle drivers working on the Melbourne Metro Tunnel and West Gate Tunnel Projects – Sharing Roads Safely – Vulnerable Road User Awareness Training for Heavy Vehicle Drivers. This training package is now being delivered to heavy vehicle drivers on both the Metro Tunnel Project and Westgate Tunnel Project.

MTIA looks forward to the funding application being successful to deliver CLOCS-A in Australia and further support safer roads for vulnerable road users by ultimately having one standard applying across all projects supported by an independent heavy vehicle accreditation scheme to this standard.

Yours sincerely



Corey Hannett
Director-General
Major Transport Infrastructure Authority

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