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Arrangements for jamming devices and radiocommunications device exemptions – consultation 15/2020 (Consultation Number IFC 15/2020)

Dear Manager,

Austroads is the peak organisation of Australasian road transport and traffic agencies. Austroads' purpose is to support our member organisations to deliver an improved Australasian road transport network. One that meets the future needs of the community, industry and economy. A road network that is safer for all users and provides vital and reliable connections to place and people.

Austroads, through its Austroads Tunnel Task Force, has become aware of initiatives in NSW to investigate installation of radio navigation re-transmission devices within the Sydney Integrated Road Tunnel Network.

We note that a successful installation will enable Emergency Services Organisations to identify the location of their vehicles and to assist with dispatch processes further enabling them to respond to emergencies in the quickest time possible. Austroads also note that GPS retransmission in road tunnels will likely provide benefits for driver navigation, support the use of connected and highly automated vehicles (CAV) as well as assisting in optimisation of freight logistics. It should be noted that Austroads is not seeking to support specific products.

Austroads wish to confirm its support for this research initiative and welcomes ACMA's facilitation of the investigation.

Yours sincerely,

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