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The Secretary
Economy and Infrastructure Committee
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Attention – The Secretary

Submission – Economy and Infrastructure

I refer to the broad-ranging review, by the Legislative Council's Economy and Infrastructure Committee to examine how Victoria's Towards Zero 2016-2020 Road Safety Strategy plans to reduce fatalities. Hobsons Bay City Council (HBCC) provides the following submission to inform the committee's review into a very important issue facing communities throughout Victoria.

The rise in the road toll this year indicates that a tipping point has been reached for the provision of a safe movement network for the community to utilise. This review is timely and the following items are important issues for the committee to consider in its review:

- increased investment is required in pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure to reduce the rising toll in vulnerable user fatalities. Road crash stats indicate that crashes that involve these groups remains high, particularly in urban localities;
- increased support for community road safe groups and programs is required for improved road safety outcomes. These organisations provide valuable low cost support to improving road safety and additional support would yield strong outcomes within the community;
- increased investment for emerging vehicle and movement network management technologies is required to improve road safety;
- improved collaboration and integration of stakeholder organisations across all levels of Government and community road safety organisations is critical to delivering more efficient outcomes. This improvement would yield improved value for money and service delivery in reducing the road toll;
- increased investment in road policing for increased enforcement activities at key locations throughout the state is necessary. This should particularly focus on increased speed monitoring, alcohol and drug testing and monitoring of dangerous behaviours such as use of devices whilst driving to reduce the overall road toll.

I hope this submission assist the committees review into Victoria's Towards Zero 2016-2020 Road Safety Strategy.

Please contact me on [REDACTED] should you require further information in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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