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Transport Ministers of the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure (the Standing Council) convened via video conference today to discuss heavy vehicle charges issues including a response by Ministers to high A-trailer charges.

HEAVY VEHICLE CHARGES

By majority vote, Ministers have accepted National Transport Commission (NTC) recommendations on new heavy vehicle charges which will see A-trailer charges cut by 50 per cent from 1 July 2012*. In addition, Ministers have agreed to remove road reconstruction expenditure related to the 2010–11 natural disasters to ensure no double counting of costs to be recovered from industry.

In addition, at the upcoming Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure meeting in May, Ministers will consider initiating a new heavy vehicle charges determination for implementation in 2014 and publicly releasing the model and data used to determine charges.

The NTC report on which the recommendations were based can be found at <http://www.ntc.gov.au/>.

** It was noted that the Northern Territory voted in the negative and Western Australia would apply transitional heavy vehicle charges.*

PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Commonwealth)
The Hon Terry Mulder MP	Minister for Roads, Minister for Public Transport (Victoria)
The Hon Patrick Conlon MHA	Minister for Transport and Infrastructure (South Australia)
Mr Simon Corbell MLA	Attorney General (Australian Capital Territory)
New South Wales	Hon Duncan Gay MLC represented by Mr Tim Reardon , Deputy Director General, Policy and Regulation, Transport NSW
Queensland	Government in caretaker mode, represented by Mr Graham Fraine , Deputy Director-General, Transport Safety and Regulation, Department of Transport and Main Roads
Western Australia	Hon Troy Buswell MLA represented by Mr Reece Waldock , Director-General, Department of Transport
Tasmania	Hon David O'Byrne MP represented by Mr Norm McIlfatrick , Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources
Northern Territory	Hon Gerry McCarthy MLA represented by Ms Sharron Noske , Executive Director, Transport, Department of Lands and Planning

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