

## STATEMENT BY AUSTRALIA AT CSD 18 – TRANSPORT

Transport plays a critical role in Australia's economy, due to the large distances between our major cities, natural resources, manufacturing centres, and our international trading partners.

We see benefit in CSD taking a strategic approach and examining a wide range of transport policy measures, including:

- land use planning;
- transport infrastructure delivery and pricing systems;
- national transport frameworks;
- vehicle fuel efficiency and emissions standards; and
- consumer information measures.

A key opportunity here is national transport, recognising that action at the national level is fundamental to the implementation of sustainable development, and noting the important work that is already being done on international transport emissions in other multilateral forums, including the International Civil Aviation Organisation, the International Maritime Organisation, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Australia recognises the importance of a balanced, sustainable transport sector, one that meets the needs of today and of future generations. Working with the States and Territories, the Australian Government is:

- Implementing national rail safety regulation and investigation systems;
- Exploring investment opportunities for light rail and rapid transit projects in major Australian centres;
- Examining new vehicle emissions standards, including the provision of credible and up to date information on greenhouse and air pollution emissions ratings for all new light vehicles entering the Australian market; and
- Developing a framework to direct future transport-related action and investment in our cities.

We believe there is value in CSD capturing national experiences and best practices in sustainable transport policy measures, in both developed and developing countries, recognising the need for flexible, practical outcomes that allow countries to pursue policies that best suit their national settings.