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TRANSPORT LEGISLATION REVIEW REACHES NEXT STAGE

More than 1,200 people representing more than 140 organisations have participated in the Brumby Government's review of laws governing Victoria's transport system, Minister for Public Transport, Lynne Kosky and Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas, announced today.

Ms Kosky said the Transport Legislation Review was reviewing the current Transport Act 1983 to ensure it provided a co-ordinated framework to support and continue to implement transport improvements into the future.

"It has been almost 25 years since this Act was enacted and Victoria's transport needs are growing and changing – we need to make sure our transport legislation meets the needs and expectations of the Victorian community," Ms Kosky said.

"This comprehensive review delivers on our commitment to modernise transport legislation as outlined in *Meeting Our Transport Challenges*. It provides an opportunity to ensure transport legislation and continues to support the state's current and long-term future transport needs."

The review aims to develop improved objectives for transport decision making by government agencies in the future and also improving integration between transport and land use planning.

The Government received 77 public submissions to the Transport Legislation Review discussion paper have which will be used as part of the next step in the review. Many more people have participated in workshops, forums and briefings on the proposed objectives for the legislation.

"The ideas generated by these submissions will help to form the basis of the Government's position paper, which will identify new draft objectives for the Act," Ms Kosky said.

Victoria's Transport Act was enacted in 1983. The current Act sets out objectives for the Department of Infrastructure (DoI), including working to improve efficiency and effectiveness of transport facilities and networks in relation to overall planning strategies.

Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas, said the review aimed to develop clearer objectives for transport decision making by government agencies in the future and also improving integration between transport and land use planning.

“Through the *Meeting Our Transport Challenges* plan, the Government is taking decisive action to build a road and transport network that best meets the future needs of all Victorians – but it is important that we have a strong legislative framework on which to base these changes,” Mr Pallas said.

“As part of this process, we have undertaken a significant stakeholder engagement program to ensure that as many organisations and individuals as possible can have their say on the review. Transport industry stakeholders and the public will be kept informed of developments throughout the review process.”

Submissions are now available to view online at www.doi.vic.gov.au/transport.