

**Submission
No 6**

**EXAMINATION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S PERFORMANCE AUDIT
REPORTS FEBRUARY 2018 - JULY 2018**

Organisation: Transport for NSW

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Transport
for NSW

Your Ref: D19/23581
Our Ref: SO19/05488

Mr Greg Piper MP
Chair
Legislative Assembly, Public Accounts Committee
Parliament of NSW
Macquarie Street,
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Dear Mr Piper

Performance Audit Report – Regional assistance programs

I write in response to your letter of 28 June 2019, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, Public Accounts Committee, seeking advice on actions taken by Transport for NSW in response to the Auditor-General's report Regional assistance programs, tabled on 17 May 2018.

I thank the Committee for the opportunity for Transport for NSW to provide a submission outlining its response to the Audit Report, including actions taken to date.

Fixing Country Roads and Fixing Country Rail programs provide almost \$1 billion of targeted Restart NSW funding for regional freight infrastructure projects. The programs support regional NSW jobs, growth and economic productivity by reducing the cost of getting goods to market. As costs come down, consumers benefit at the till of their local supermarket and exporters become more competitive.

Recommendations 2 and 7 were addressed to Transport for NSW. I am pleased to advise the Committee that Transport for NSW has completed the actions arising from these two recommendations.

Recommendation 2 - **Infrastructure NSW and Transport for NSW** should maintain and store all documentation regarding assessment and probity matters according to the State Records Act 1998, the NSW Government Standard on Records Management and the relevant probity plans - Transport for NSW implemented more robust documents and records management systems.

Recommendation 7 - **Transport for NSW and Infrastructure NSW** should incorporate a benefits realisation framework as part of the detailed application - Transport for NSW collaborated with Infrastructure NSW to develop a Benefits Realisation and Governance Framework for Fixing Country Roads and Fixing Country Rail.

Further details of actions taken in response to both recommendations are in the attached submission.

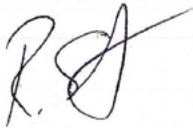
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If the Committee has any questions about the submission, Ms Sharon Bennett, Director, Freight Strategic Initiatives Freight Industry would be pleased to answer them.

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Yours sincerely



Rodd Staples
Secretary

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Transport for NSW

Regional assistance programs

RECOMMENDATION	ACCEPTED OR REJECTED	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	DUE DATE	STATUS (completed, on track, delayed) and COMMENT	RESPONSIBILITY (Section of agency responsible for implementation)
<p>2 Infrastructure NSW and Transport for NSW should maintain and store all documentation regarding assessment and probity matters according to the State Records Act 1998, the NSW Government Standard on Records Management and the relevant probity plans.</p>	Accepted	Transport for NSW has an established rigorous records management process; the Fixing Country Roads program will follow the required process.	By June 2018	Completed: All documentation is stored as per the Transport for NSW records management process, within Objective. Objective records follow the State Records Act 1998 requirements.	Freight Industry, TfNSW
<p>7 Transport for NSW and Infrastructure NSW should incorporate a benefits realisation framework as part of the detailed application.</p>	Accepted	TfNSW will collaborate with INSW to consider improvements to the benefits realisation process. TfNSW will then incorporate any required changes to the detailed application documents.	By December 2018	<p>Completed: Transport for NSW collaborated with Infrastructure NSW. Transport for NSW then developed a Benefits Realisation and Governance Framework for Fixing Country Roads and Fixing Country Rail.</p> <p>Note: Benefits Realisation was already incorporated into the detailed application since Fixing Country Roads Round 3.</p>	Freight Industry, TfNSW