



THE CABINET OFFICE

NEW SOUTH WALES

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The Hon M R Egan MLC  
Treasurer, Minister for State Development  
and Vice President of the Executive Council

- 7 MAY 2001

Dear Mr Egan

I refer to the Legislative Council Standing Committee on State Development's *Inquiry into Road Maintenance and Competitive Road Maintenance Tendering*, Report No. 22, November 2000.

As you are aware, the Government's response to the above Report is due to be tabled in the Legislative Council on 7 May 2001. The Premier has asked that the Government respond to the Inquiry's Recommendations in the following manner:

*Recommendation 1: The Standing Committee recommends the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority adhere to the NSW Service Competition Guidelines in its establishment of benchmarking practices for maintenance of State funded roads.*

The Government agrees with the Standing Committee's Recommendation. The Government's Road Maintenance Reform Package of 30 November 1999 established a framework to implement the processes and directions of the Government's Service Competition Guidelines. This framework recognises the need to adhere to consistent standards for traffic safety, occupational health and safety, environmental protection and quality of services.

*Recommendation 2: The Standing Committee recommends that the criteria and performance of RTA work crews and local councils in road maintenance benchmarking be made publicly available.*

The Government agrees with the Standing Committee's Recommendation.

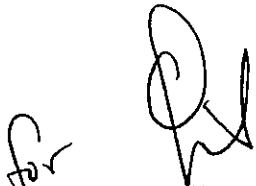
*Recommendation 3: The Standing Committee recommends that Business Units formed adhere to the benchmarking processes.*

The Government agrees with the Standing Committee's Recommendation.

The Roads and Traffic Authority will continue to implement its Change Management program internally to improve management accountabilities in support of this recommendation.

The Roads and Traffic Authority will encourage Councils undertaking maintenance works on State Roads to adopt management accountabilities in support of this Recommendation, and to adhere to other reforms in the Government's Service Competition Guidelines.

Yours sincerely

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R B Wilkins  
Director-General