MINISTER HEADS TO TRANSPORT COUNCIL MEETING

Transport Minister Dr Chris Burns will join his national counterparts in Hobart on Friday for the 22nd Australian Transport Council meeting.

The Australian Transport Council is expected to consider issues of transport security and school bus safety.

Dr Burns said the meeting will also discuss the review of heavy vehicle registration charges conducted by the National Transport Commission, the independent statutory body which promotes nationally consistent transport policies and laws.

“The National Transport Commission is required to review the registration charges that apply to heavy trucks and buses to recover the costs of wear and tear on the nation’s roads,” Dr Burns said.

“The last review was approved by the Australian Transport Council in 2000. The previous review was in 1992.”

The Australian Transport Council is a ministerial forum for Commonwealth, State and Territory consultations. It provides advice to governments on the coordination and integration of all transport and road policy issues at a national level.

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