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To Whom It May Concern

Transport for NSW – Draft Future Transport Strategy 2056

1. The Tourism & Transport Forum Australia (TTF) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the *Draft Future Transport Strategy 2056*. TTF is a national member-funded forum that advocates for the public policy interests of leading corporations and institutions in the Australian tourism, transport and aviation sectors.
2. TTF congratulates the NSW Government for developing a cohesive long-term strategy about the future role of transport in NSW. TTF also commends the NSW Government for its collaborative approach with stakeholders from across NSW in developing the *Draft Future Transport Strategy*.
3. An efficient, reliable, affordable and sustainable transport network is essential for the future prosperity of the NSW economy. To this end, it is pleasing that the NSW Government is actively considering the mobility challenges of the future such as sustainable transport funding, alternative fuel sources and the role of technology.

Draft Greater Sydney Services and Infrastructure Plan

4. TTF supports the Greater Sydney Commissions land use and transport vision for Sydney, and welcomes the coordination of planning between the Greater Sydney Commission and Transport for NSW in developing the *Draft Greater Sydney Services and Infrastructure Plan*.
5. The concept of ‘three cities’, consisting of the Eastern Harbour City, the Central River City and the Western Parkland City will redefine land use and transport planning in Sydney, providing more connected and liveable cities, provided the right investment decisions are made.

6. TTF supports the transformational transport infrastructure projects currently being constructed across Sydney, including Sydney Metro, the CBD & South East Light Rail, Parramatta Light Rail, WestConnex and NorthConnex.
7. TTF also supports further investment in transport infrastructure projects including the extension of Parramatta Light Rail to Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney Metro West, and a high-speed heavy rail connection linking Western Sydney Airport, Parramatta and the Sydney CBD. TTF strongly urges the NSW Government to commit funding to progress these critical projects.
8. Of the infrastructure initiatives identified for investigation over the next 10-20 years, TTF strongly supports the further development of high-frequency mass-transit services including further links between Parramatta and Epping and Parramatta and Kogarah. TTF also supports the investigation of further light-rail extensions, but believes that mass-transit services should be prioritised.
9. Similarly, TTF supports the 'visionary' initiatives identified for consideration including the extension of a South East train link to Miranda, and the extension of the Sydney Metro to Liverpool. TTF recommends that the NSW Government consider identifying and preserving land corridors to support these projects in the medium-term, to ensure future construction costs are minimised.
10. Plans to increase the take-up of active transport options, such as walking and cycling, are also supported. TTF urges the NSW Government to invest in a connected cycle network across the 'three cities' to increase liveability and adoption of cycling throughout the Sydney region.

Draft Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan

11. For too long, regional transport services have been neglected by government. To support the growth and economic prosperity of regional NSW, efficient and reliable local and intra-state transport services are essential. TTF commends the NSW Government for developing the *Draft Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan* to improve regional transport services.
12. Improving connectivity between cities and regions, particularly through public transport services, is critical to ensure long-term economic growth in regional NSW. TTF believes that the NSW Government should work with the Australian Government to prioritise investment in the improvement of inter-city rail services between Wollongong and Sydney, Newcastle and Sydney and Canberra and Sydney within the next decade.
13. TTF supports the proposal to investigate a future extension of the Gold Coast Light Rail to Tweed Heads via the Gold Coast Airport. While the extension of the Light Rail to Tweed Heads is highly dependent on the priorities of the Queensland Government, such an extension would provide a world-class public transport option for locals and visitors, and deliver a seamless public transport connection between Brisbane and Tweed Heads.
14. TTF also supports proposed initiatives for investigation to extend the Newcastle Light Rail and to explore options to extend the future Canberra Light Rail network to Queanbeyan.

15. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide a submission to the *Draft Future Transport Strategy 2056*. Should you have any further questions about this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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