

Bulletin

Tasmanian Automotive Chamber of Commerce



Reference No. ROVER platform rebuild/ir-5-24

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Dear member

The Commercial Vehicle Industry Association of Victoria (CVIAV) and its national body the Commercial Vehicle Industry Association of Australia (CVIAA) are pleased to inform you of a policy win for members.

Relentless advocacy regarding the functionality of the Road Vehicle Standards Act's (RVSA) (2018) ROVER platform has paid off with the recent announcement by Minister Catherine King allocating \$84.5 million in federal funding to support the implementation of the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard and improve the functionality of the Road Vehicle Standards Act's (2018) online portal, ROVER for the operation of NVES.

Today's Budget announcement is an acknowledgement that the ROVER system needs investment to improve its functionality to be able to regulate the new Vehicle Efficiency standard. It is hoped that some of this substantial funding will go to improving the underlying system.

CVIAV and CVIAA have been at the forefront of this advocacy since 2018 – having been involved in numerous roundtables and BETA trials since the transition to the RVSA. They have consistently conveyed industry's concerns with the system and called for meaningful improvements and failing that, a complete system rebuild.

In tonight's announcement by Minister Catherine King, it has demonstrated the power of persistence and a willingness of government to listen to the voice and concerns of industry.

CVIAA will be working closely with Minister King's office and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts as the implementation of the funding is rolled out. We will also ensure that the issues raised by industry are conveyed.

CVIAA and CVIAV thank all members who lent their names to the industry letter, which has yielded a substantial outcome for industry.

CVIAA would also like to thank the tireless efforts of immediate past president, CVIAA, Mr Phill Hodges, current President Mr Clive Polley, and Vice Presidents Mr Jarrod Thompson and Mr Eddie van den Berg.

Thanks also goes to Motor Trades Association of Australia (MTAA) CEO, Mr Matthew Hobbs for the role he has played in engaging with the Federal Government to prosecute industry's message.

Should you like to discuss further, please feel free to contact me on 0428 334 128 or igarciareid@vacc.com.au.

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