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Our ref: c/09/32482

The Hon. Tim Pallas MP
Minister for Roads and Ports
Level 16
121 Exhibition Street
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Dear Minister

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR REVIEW OF ACCIDENT TOWING AND STORAGE
FEES 2009-10**

As you are aware, the Commission is currently conducting a review of accident towing and storage fees as per your request of 10 September 2009. The terms of reference for this review indicate that a final report is to be provided to you by 22 February 2009.

The Commission released an Issues Paper on 16 October calling for submissions by 16 November and has also consulted a number of stakeholders as part of the review. In conducting this consultation, a key industry stakeholder has notified the Commission that it will not be able to make a submission until December 18 as they need more time to workshop issues with members.

In light of this and to allow the Commission sufficient time to consider submissions and conduct effective industry consultation, given the impending Christmas/New Year holiday period, it is desirable to seek an extension to the overall timeline.

I am therefore writing to request an extension for submission of the Commission's final report to 11 May 2010.

Commission staff have liaised with VicRoads staff on this matter and they are supportive of the reporting date extension.

Should you or your staff wish to discuss this matter, please contact me on 9651 0223 or Mr Dominic L'Huillier, Regulatory Manager – Industry Reviews on 9651 3782.

Yours sincerely



Dr Ron Ben-David
Chairperson

cc Minister for Finance for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission