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Dear Mr Hamill

Charter of consultation and regulatory practice review

Thank you for your letters of 14 December 2017 inviting Transport Safety Victoria's comments on the Essential Services Commission's new draft Charter of Consultation and Regulatory Practice. I note that the office of the Director, Transport Safety is a prescribed agency for the purposes of the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001*.

TSV acknowledges and supports the aims of the new Charter which are to promote best-practice engagement and regulatory practice and to encourage continuous improvement.

We agree that the new principles-based approach within the new Charter is appropriate for the ESC and that the principles appear fit for purpose to support its objectives. We also consider that the new regulatory approach is consistent with our expectations of a contemporary regulator such as the Commission. TSV looks forward to engaging further with the ESC in the fulfilment of its work.

Should you wish to discuss these matters further, please contact Elizabeth Muhlebach, Manager Policy, Legal & Governance, via elizabeth.muhlebach@transportsafety.vic.gov.au or 0428 780 720.

Yours sincerely



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