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Submission to the South Australian Transport Strategy Consultation Process

To Whom it May Concern

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) is the leading industry association representing the South Australian resource and energy sector, a powerhouse of the State's economy.

SACOME welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Department of Infrastructure & Transport's (DIT) South Australian Transport Strategy consultation process.

SACOME recognises that the Transport Strategy is intended to provide a 30-year vision for the State's transport network and 'set the overall direction for future transport planning and guide decisions on which projects to prioritise and invest in'.

SACOME notes that the Transport Strategy will integrate the South Australian Freight & Supply Chain Strategy published in June 2024, which was developed in consultation with industry via the Freight and Supply Chain Strategy Consultative Committee and of which SACOME was a member.

The strategic responses set out in the Freight & Supply Chain Strategy are all broadly applicable to the resources sector and SACOME lends its support accordingly.

SACOME emphasises its support for long-term planning; regulation and policy harmony; skilled workforce development; and net-zero pathway measures.

Additionally, SACOME emphasises the importance of regional transport networks to the State's economy and the need to incorporate regional road, rail and port networks as part of DIT's strategic planning exercise given their importance to the South Australian economy, and the South Australian Government's economic growth and industrial transformation objectives.

We note that DIT is preparing a draft Implementation Plan which will translate the direction set by the Strategy into measurable actions. We also note that DIT are awaiting

the release of the National Freight Supply Strategy to inform delivery of the Implementation Plan.

SACOME remains committed to working collaboratively with the DIT and the South Australian Government in developing and implementing the Transport Strategy and the Freight & Supply Chain Strategy.

Yours sincerely



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