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## **VTA congratulates Barnaby Joyce on appointment to Infrastructure & Transport portfolio**

The Victorian Transport Association has today congratulated Nationals Leader and Federal Member for New England, the Hon Barnaby Joyce, who has been appointed Minister for Infrastructure & Transport in a Cabinet reshuffle announced by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

“As well as being a highly-regarded local member, as evidenced by winning re-election recently with an improved majority, Barnaby Joyce has been a very effective minister in the Turnbull Government, and we congratulate him on his appointment as Minister for Infrastructure & Transport,” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

“The development and construction of new and improved road, rail and sea infrastructure is of critical importance for the Australian freight and logistics industry to prosper, and for our national economy to seamlessly and efficiently tick over.

“There are numerous projects on state and Commonwealth radars that are essential for supply chains to be as productive as they can be, which is vital to support the business and activities of transport operators that keep Australia moving.

“The VTA looks forward to working closely with Minister Joyce in his new portfolios, and hope to brief him at the earliest possible opportunity on issues of interest to our members and the broader freight and logistics industry.”

Mr Anderson thanked Darren Chester for his many achievements as infrastructure and transport minister.

“Darren Chester put a tremendous amount of effort into understanding the complexities of supply chains and logistics and was incredibly effective in connecting with our members and the industry, most recently at our annual VTA State Conference,” Mr Anderson said.

“As minister, Darren approached the infrastructure and transport portfolios with incredible professionalism and on behalf of our members I thank him for his support of the VTA, and wish him every future success,” he said.

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