



Media Alert

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**South Australian Government first to amend legislation for driverless cars
*National legislation imperative says ARRB Group***

Today the South Australian Government announced they will introduce legislation to the state's parliament that will allow for the testing of driverless vehicles on South Australian roads.

The *Motor Vehicles (Trials of Automotive Technologies) Amendment Bill 2015* will enable the trial of driverless vehicles by exempting them from select existing laws.

ARRB Group Managing Director Gerard Waldron applauded the South Australian Government for recognising the need to make legislative changes which will ensure the demonstration hosted by ARRB on November 7 and 8 will not be the last.

"The amendments proposed to the Motor Vehicles in South Australia are inevitable in every state and territory, and we congratulate Minister Mullighan for being the first to act."

"The ARRB Australian Driverless Vehicles Initiative (ADVI) is designed to ensure the safe introduction of driverless vehicles on to our roads and we will be working with all governments to make that happen."

"These legislative changes are an essential part of the process to put driverless vehicles on Australian roads and ensure they can be safely adapted to meet the requirements of our unique road environment."

Through its Australian Driverless Vehicle Initiative, ARRB is supporting governments in bringing together leading local and international experts from industry and academia, including technology, automotive and insurance partners, to support Australia's first driverless vehicle demonstrations.

By applying international research to the local road environment, the partner organisations will together seek to understand what is required to make driverless technology appropriate for Australian roads and safe for road users.

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Further information is available at www.arrb.com.au/ADVI

ARRB Group is a leading expert globally in road research and technology. For the last 55 years we've been helping transport, road and infrastructure bodies to identify and adopt best practices for developing and maintaining safe and sustainable roads.

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List of partners supporting ARRB's Driverless Vehicles Initiative:

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