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Green light given to the new national intelligent transport R&D centre – iMOVE

The first Australian transport Cooperative Research Centre, known as the iMOVE CRC, was given the green light by the Australian Government yesterday. Industry, Innovation and Science Minister, The Honourable Arthur Sinodinos announced the government's commitment to provide \$55 million in funding over 10 years to develop transport solutions that will increase Australia's productivity.

The iMOVE CRC will enable a coordinated approach to Australian transportation research, ensuring the delivery of cohesive cost-effective outcomes with real national benefit.

'We are proud to contribute our 50 years of transport research and industry experience to this new and exciting initiative', said Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) CEO Michael Caltabiano. 'I would like to congratulate Ian Murray AM, the iMOVE CRC Bid Chair and the bid team on the approved funding and look forward to ARRB collaborating with the 46 industry, government and research partners involved.'

'Australia has some of the toughest transportation challenges in the world. Over 10% of GDP is wrapped up in the freight task alone. The iMOVE CRC brings together the right partners to unlock efficiency gains that will benefit Australian business and society', said A/Prof Glenn Geers who will be leading ARRB's engagement with iMOVE.

The iMOVE CRC will focus on real world research problems and delivering solutions to Australia's transport sector. The program will address three main areas: intelligent transport systems and infrastructure; end-to-end freight solutions; and enhanced personal mobility.

ARRB CEO Michael Caltabiano commented: "This is a perfect fit for ARRB as we move to create knowledge for tomorrow's transport challenges and solutions for today. Researching transport solutions is what we do."

Visit <http://imovecrc.com/> for more information

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Mission: *Creating knowledge for tomorrow's transport challenges and solutions for today.*

Vision: *Australian Road Research Board, driving innovation to deliver an adaptable connected future.*

At the Australian Road Research Board we're helping to solve today's most pressing transport problems. We're also firmly focused on building the knowledge to identify and overcome the challenges we'll face in future decades. These solutions will make our cities smarter, cleaner, greener, safer, more efficient and more productive.

The Australian Road Research Board is the source of independent expert transport knowledge, advising key decision makers on our nation's most important challenges.

ARRB has a strong heritage supporting and delivering high quality applied research for our members and for Australia. And our team analyse and interpret global research and apply it to the Australian context.

We will continue to bring together the brightest transport minds to inform our policy makers, while exporting our cutting-edge research to influence transport solutions around the globe.

We're preparing Australia for a future of smart connected roads that have the ability to communicate with vehicles and drivers about safety hazards while generating clean power to fuel our cities.

A freight industry enabled by autonomous heavy vehicles platooning along our highways to increase efficiency and lower the cost of products for consumers.

A country with a public transport network that empowers those with limited mobility to make that last mile journey in a self-driving shuttle. And it's our rigorous applied research and coordination with policy makers that is making it a reality.

That's because we're here to help deliver a connected and adaptable future for the community.