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Dear Dr Allen

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the National Transport Commission's (NTC) discussion paper *Motor Accident Injury Insurance and Automated Vehicles* (the Discussion Paper). The Department of State Growth is supportive of the NTC's broader automated vehicle program and the aim of creating a national regulatory framework that supports the safe commercial introduction of automated vehicles on Australia's roads.

It is timely to consider the personal injury insurance implications from the introduction of autonomous vehicles. The objective of ensuring that there is appropriate regulation to include autonomous vehicles and maintain access to relevant personal injury compensation schemes is strongly supported.

The overarching principle and the supporting principles in the paper are appropriate and provide a sound basis to address the issues identified. It is also important to ensure that the regulatory arrangements provide for cost effective solutions for resolving the issues.

A preliminary assessment is that the Tasmanian legislation would not require significant amendment to facilitate the Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB) being able to cover eligible people injured in accidents involving autonomous vehicles.

I understand that the Department of Treasury and Finance has provided a submission on the Discussion Paper based on its letter to you dated 2 October 2018. The MAIB, the body responsible for administering the funding and payment of Tasmania's compulsory third party (CTP) motor accident insurance scheme, has also shared its submission with State Growth.

State Growth supports the views put forward by the Department of Treasury and Finance and the MAIB, notably that the preferred options from the Discussion Paper are Option 3 and Option 5.

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Yours sincerely



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