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To whom it may concern

Waterline Road Transport Data Collection

The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) has engaged Container Transport Alliance Australia (CTAA) to liaise with road transport operators regarding regular provision of data to *Waterline*, and to collect this data on BITRE's behalf.

Waterline is a bi-annual statistical report on the container supply chain in Australia. *Waterline* relies on data voluntarily provided by industry to report on the cost and performance of the container supply chain.

BITRE has been collecting road transport pricing data via a limited phone survey of road transport operators for many years. However, the scale of the survey has been insufficient to provide reliable coverage of road transport activity.

BITRE acknowledges the commercial sensitivity of the information requested as part of this collection, and undertakes to hold responses in the strictest confidence. Responses will be de-identified by CTAA prior to provision to BITRE, except where a respondent explicitly instructs CTAA to provide this information to us. Road transport costs published in *Waterline* will be aggregated over all respondents within each region; individual responses will not be released. This undertaking is in line with existing arrangements between BITRE and other supply chain participants.

If you have any questions about this data collection, or about the *Waterline* publication, please contact Mr Jack McAuley on 02 6274 7309 or email Jack.McAuley@infrastructure.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Gary Dolman'.

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