



The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Minister for Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development
and Local Government
Leader of the House

- 6 APR 2009

Reference: 01489-2009

Mr Jon Stanhope MLA
Chief Minister
Minister for Territory and Municipal Services
ACT Legislative Assembly
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Chief Minister

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I am pleased to advise that I have approved \$550,000 of (capped) funding to the Australian Capital Territory in 2008-09 for the assessment of 45 bridges in the ACT. A copy of the Project Approval Instrument is attached for your information.

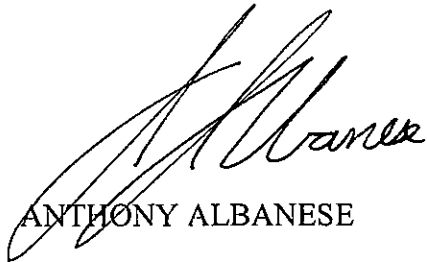
Your Department is required to report to my Department on progress, including information on the number of direct and indirect jobs which have been created by the project. My Department will contact your Department on timing of payments and how progress is to be monitored. If savings should occur, the savings or any interest earned from Australian Government funds held by the ACT must be expended on other projects within the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) subject to the agreement of the Australian Government.

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure is required to liaise with relevant environmental agencies to identify environmental and or heritage issues that need to be addressed. Any matters of national environmental or heritage significance must be referred to the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.

The Government will invite further submissions later this year for the second round of \$40 million available under the HVSP for 2010-11 and 2011-12.

I look forward to working with you on this program.

Yours sincerely

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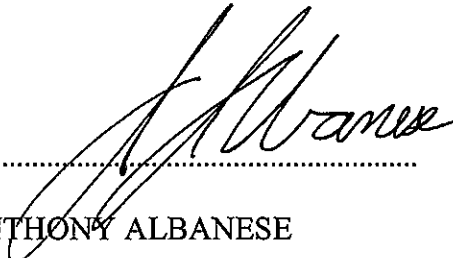
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**AusLink (National Land Transport) Act 2005
Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Project
Approval No. 032954-08ACT**

I, ANTHONY NORMAN ALBANESE, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government:

- (a) being satisfied that the project referred to below (the Project) is eligible for approval in accordance with section 54 of the *AusLink (National Land Transport) Act 2005* (the Act) and considering that it is appropriate to approve the Project in accordance with Section 55 of the Act, approve the Project as an AusLink Strategic Regional Project under subsection 53 of the Act; and
- (b) approve, under Subsection 61(1) of the Act, the provision of Commonwealth funding for the project to the eligible funding recipient identified below.


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ANTHONY ALBANESE

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Project No.	032954-08ACT HVS
Project Name	Bridge Strengthening in the ACT
Project Description	The Project is for the assessment and strengthening of bridges, (including design work) in the ACT so that Higher Mass Limit (HML) vehicles can access key routes. The Project will be approved under Part 6 of the Act.
Maximum Funding Amount that the Commonwealth may Contribute	\$550,000
Eligible Funding Recipient	Department of Territory and Municipal Services
