

# **Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper Submission**

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## **Name of Organisation/Individual**

Australian Rural Road Group Inc.

## **What are the top policies from the Green Paper that the Government should focus on in the White Paper and why?**

The ARRG supports the policy directions outlined in the area of Infrastructure improvement. The research undertaken by ARRG indicates that freight costs account for up to 30% of the ex-farm costs which is greater than the Goucher 2011 research suggests. An improvement in the most productive rural road networks through better targeted funding will greatly enhance the effectiveness of the rural farm sector both in terms of productivity improvements and profitability. Significant additional investment is required to allow HML vehicles to operate uniformly within rural productive areas in order to reduce freight costs.

## **What policies from the Green Paper don't you support and why?**

Generally speaking the policy objectives outlined within the paper are supported.

## **General Comment**