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**Comments from Australia on the Approval by Mail: CTF Philippines: Cebu Bus Rapid Transit Project (IBRD)**

Dear Patricia

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the CTF Philippines BRT project – thank you for extending the deadline for response. Apologies for the short delay in our response.

We thank IBRD and the Philippines Government for preparing responses to comments raised by Germany, the UK and Japan. Particularly, we agree that legitimate stakeholder consultation is very important in this CTF project, especially with Jeepney operators, and bus operators and regulators. We encourage IBRD and the Philippines Government to implement their expected approach to ongoing consultation and stakeholder involvement.

We have one comment on the BRT stations/interchanges/hubs that we believe has not been sufficiently addressed in the project documentation or in the responses provided to date. In most developing countries, transport hubs are often hives of economic activity and community interaction. Has consideration been given to the nature of the BRT stations? How will they encourage community access and safety? Will the stations be open to local and/or multinational businesses?

We look forward to endorsing this project once we have received a response addressing this comment from IBRD and the Philippines Government.

Regards,

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