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Attention Australian National Government and the National Transport Commission

To whom it may concern

In my role as founder of the Digital Gap Initiative (DGI); as a person with lived experience of blindness from birth; and as an ageing member of the community (recipient of the Inner West Council Senior citizen of the Year Award 2024), I write to support the attached submissions from the organisations Better Streets and Advocacy for inclusion to the Automated Vehicle Safety Reform Consultation.

I support the basic premise that due considerations must be given to people with disability and other vulnerable people in all aspects relating to the emergence of automated vehicles (AV).

This should include accessibility and usability factors at the design concept and also factors relating to AV and road safety .

Thank you,

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