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# Automated vehicles in Australia

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An aerial photograph of a multi-lane highway interchange is overlaid with a complex digital network of white lines and nodes. Several circular icons are placed at various points on the road, including a smartphone, a cloud, a bus, and a bicycle. The background is a gradient of blue and teal, with a large white curved shape on the left side.

The Centre for Connected and Automated Transport (CCAT) is a collaboration of government, industry, academic and community organisations with a common goal of facilitating the transition to connected and automated transport.

CCAT is the next iteration of the Australia & New Zealand Driverless Vehicle Initiative (ADVI).

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# Presentation outline

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- 2** | Potential benefits and challenges of automated vehicles
- 3** | Automated vehicle use cases
- 4** | How should Australia prepare for automated vehicles?
- 5** | Conclusion

# What are automated vehicles?

Automated vehicles (AVs) are vehicles with an automated driving system in them.

An automated driving system (ADS) is the hardware and software collectively capable of performing the entire dynamic driving task on a sustained basis without human input.

Other key terms:

- Operational design domain
- Fallback-ready user

## LIDAR UNIT

Constantly spinning, it uses laser beams to generate a 360-degree image of the car's surroundings.

## RADAR SENSORS

Measure the distance from the car to obstacles.

## ADDITIONAL LIDAR UNITS

## CAMERAS

Uses parallax from multiple images to find the distance to various objects. Cameras also detect traffic lights and signs, and help recognize moving objects like pedestrians and bicyclists.

## MAIN COMPUTER (LOCATED IN TRUNK)

Analyzes data from the sensors, and compares its stored maps to assess current conditions.

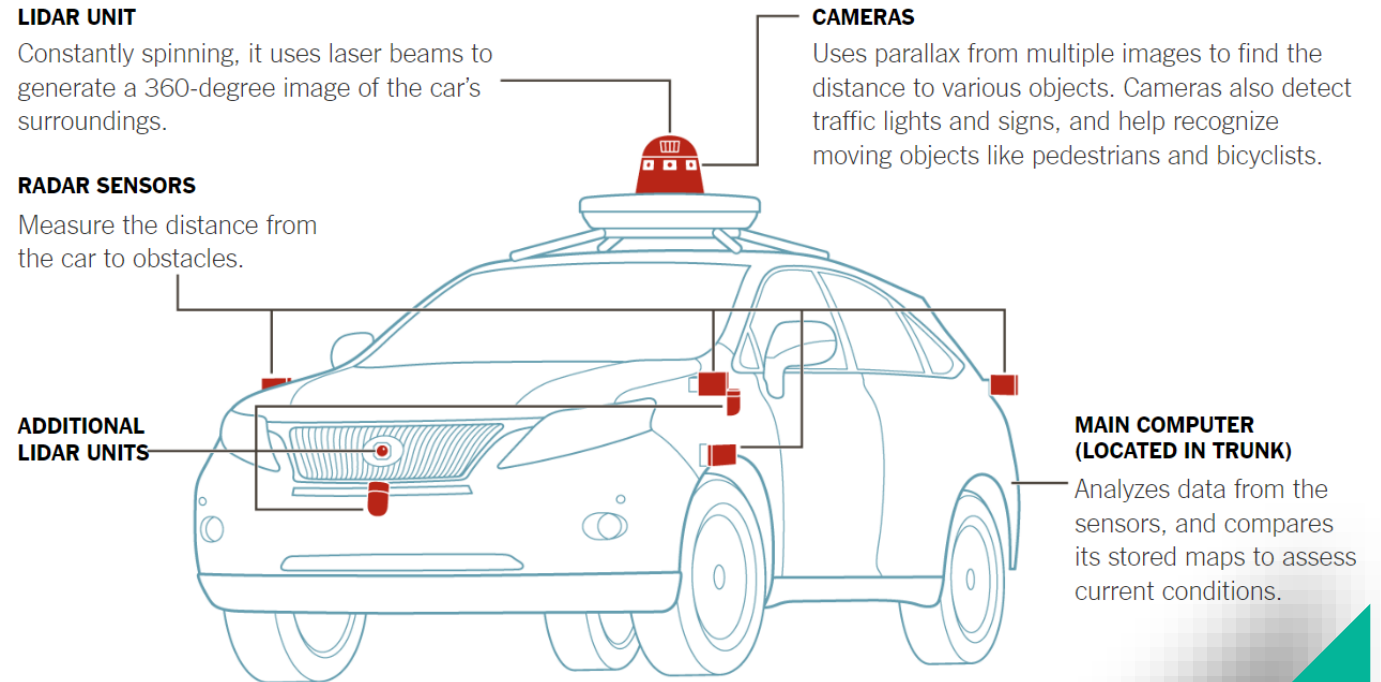


Image source: Google and New York Times

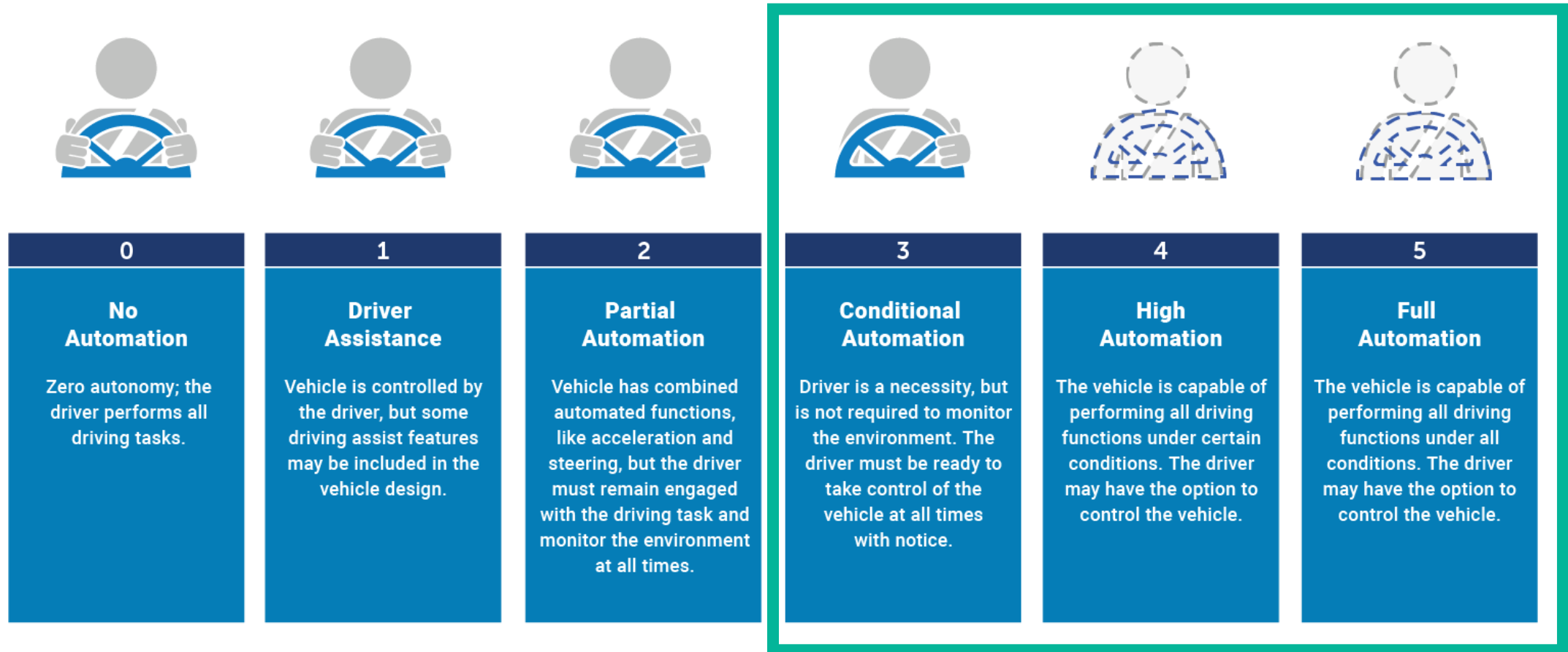


Image source: US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

# Control at different levels of automation over the course of a journey

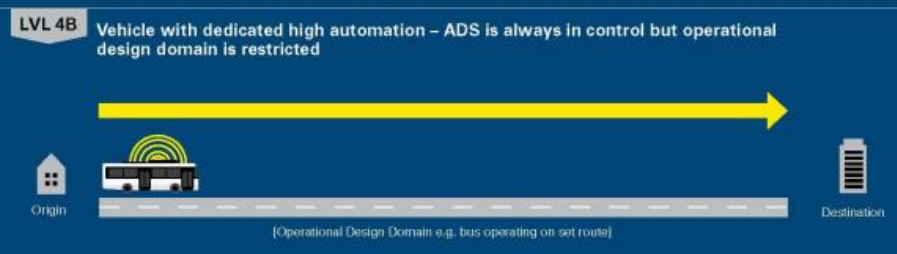
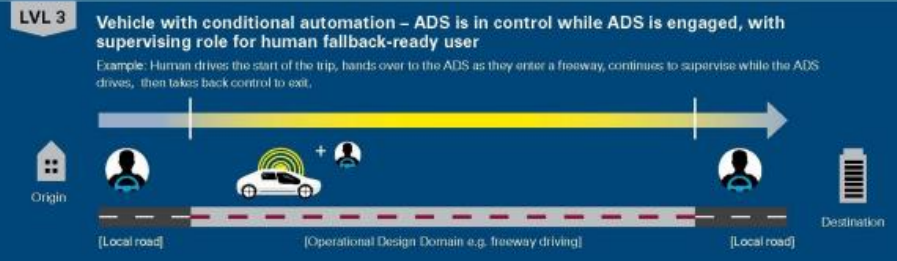
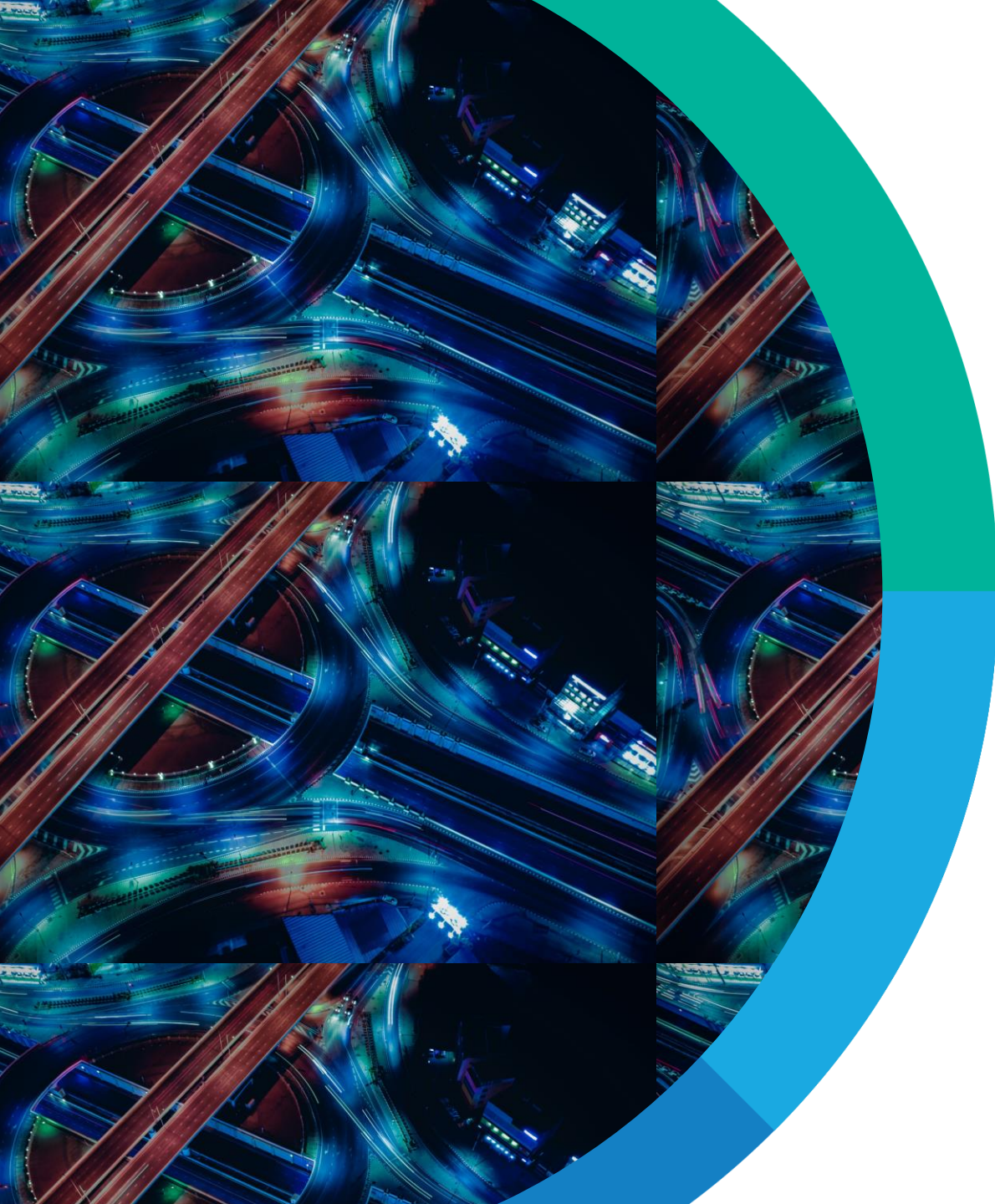


Image source: National Transport Commission



## 2. Potential benefits and challenges of automated vehicles

# Potential benefits of automated vehicles

- Safety
- Productivity
- Efficiency and sustainability
- Accessibility and mobility
- Reduced carbon emissions
- Economy and society



# Potential challenges of automated vehicles

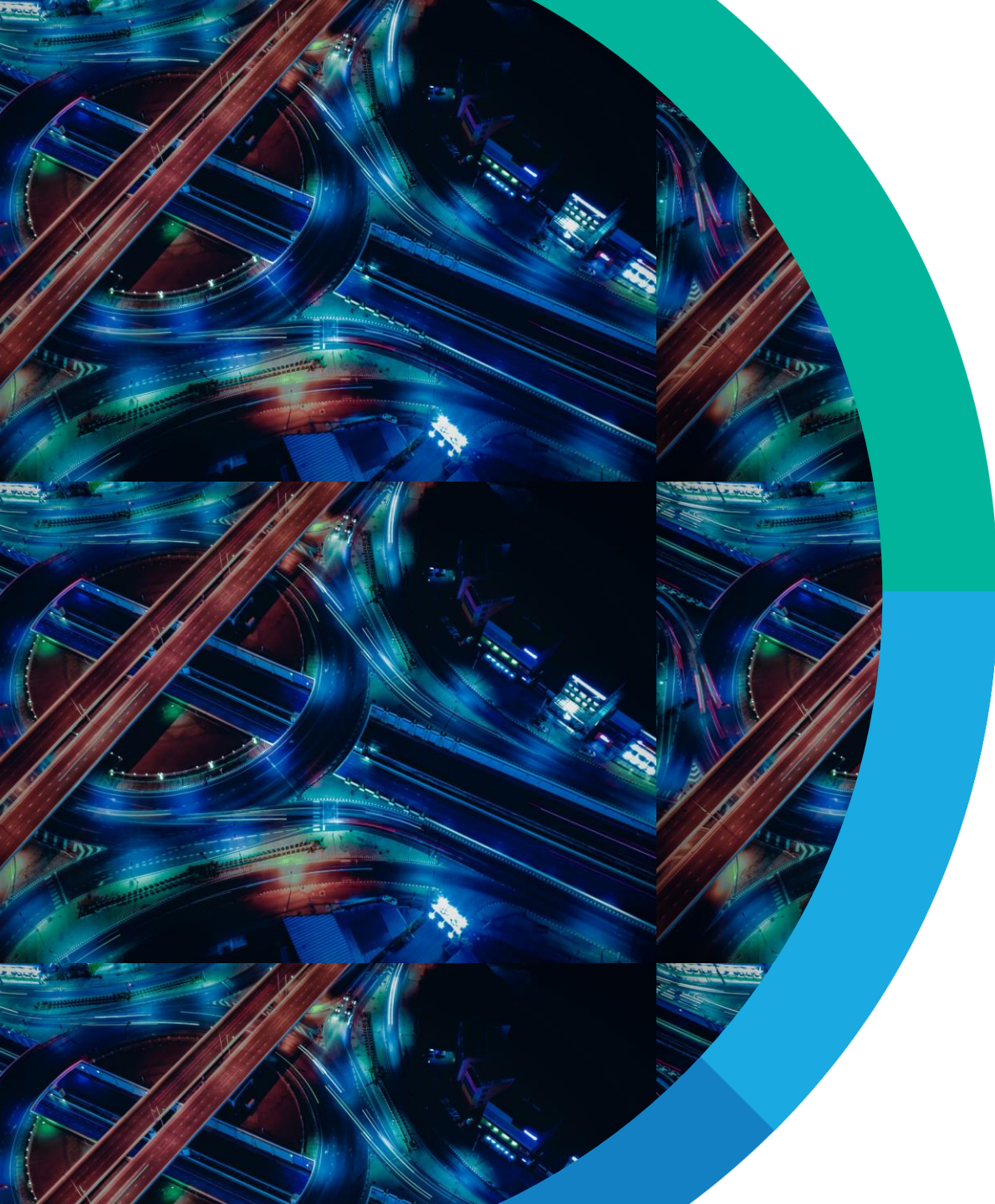
- Design risks
- Organisational risks
- Operational/use risks

# Connected vehicles

Vehicles with internet connectivity.

Three main types of things the vehicle can connect to:

- V2V – vehicle-to-vehicle communications
- V2I – vehicle-to-infrastructure communications
- V2X – vehicle-to-everything communications



### 3. Automated vehicle use cases

# On-demand last-mile public transport in Hamburg

- Shuttle bus, 6 passengers, 18 km/h
- 7.3 km route
- Last mile – link between station/stop and home
- App-based booking



Image source: EasyMile

# Public transport route in Chongqing

- Minibus, 19 passengers, 40 km/h
- 10 km route
- Bus route with stops
- Regular ticketing



Image source: The Sunday Times

# Tender for full-sized bus in Sydney

- Full-sized connected and automated bus
- Type of trial to be determined



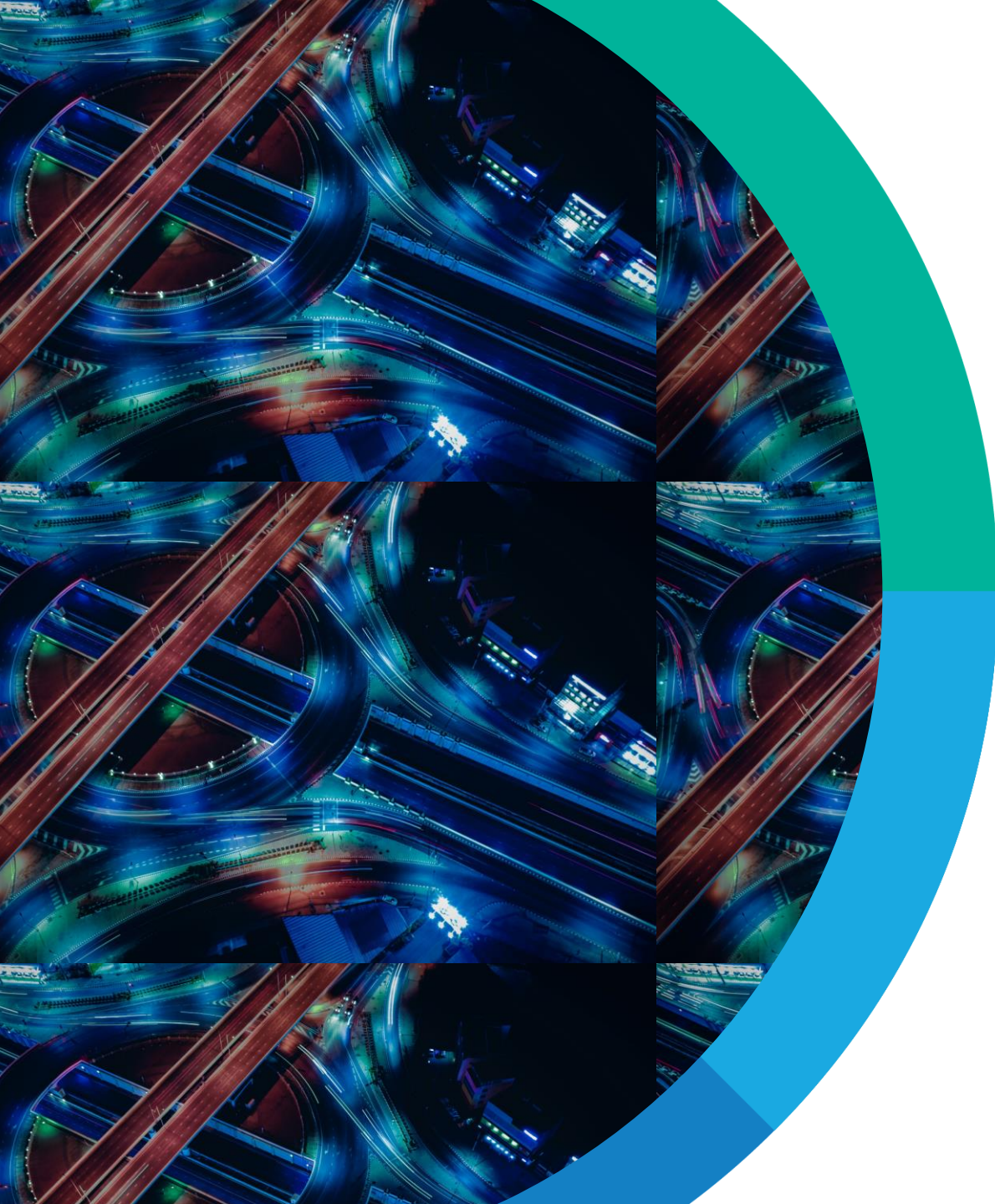
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# Connected buses

- For operators – fleet management
- For users – trip information



Image source: Volvo

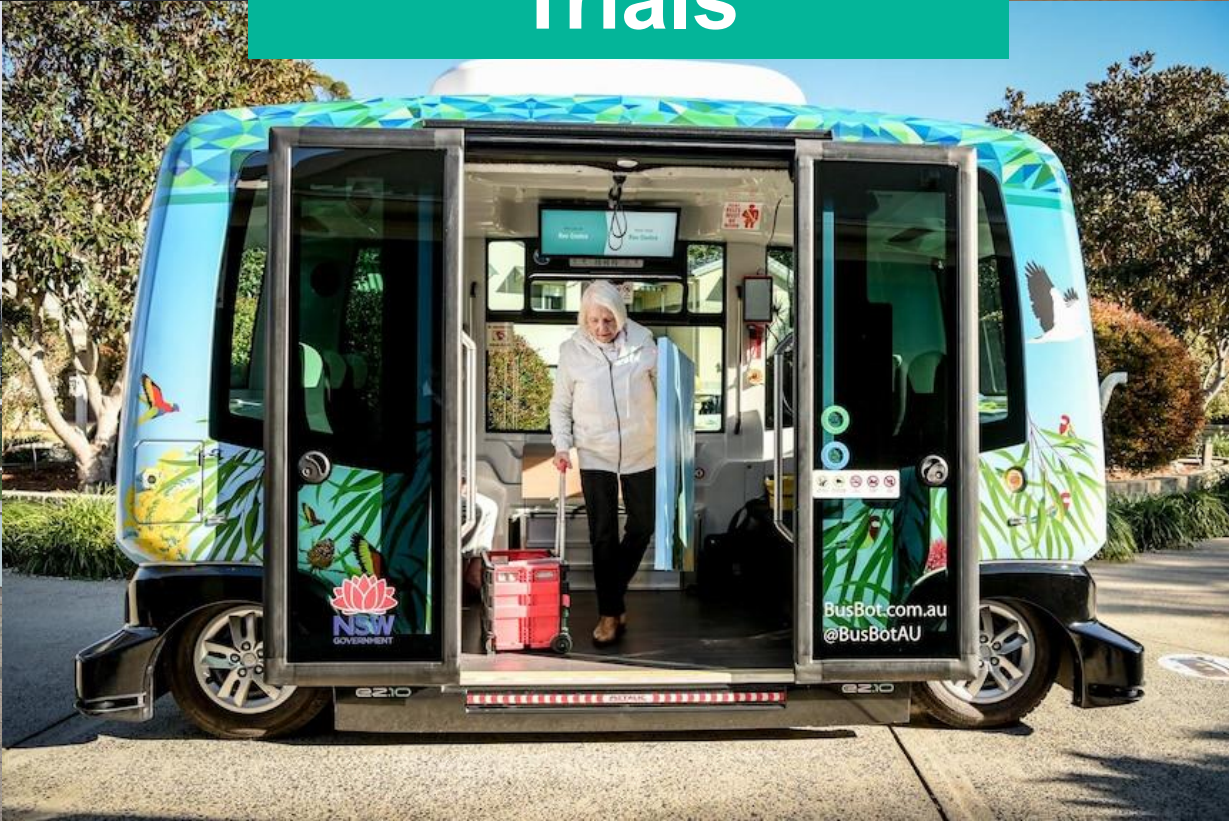


## 4. How should Australia prepare for automated vehicles?





# Trials





## Regulation

- Current: legislative barriers, state and territory regulatory frameworks, ADS disrupts separate vehicle and driving frameworks
- Future: national regulatory framework including new duties and regulated parties, increasing international harmonization as vehicle standards develop

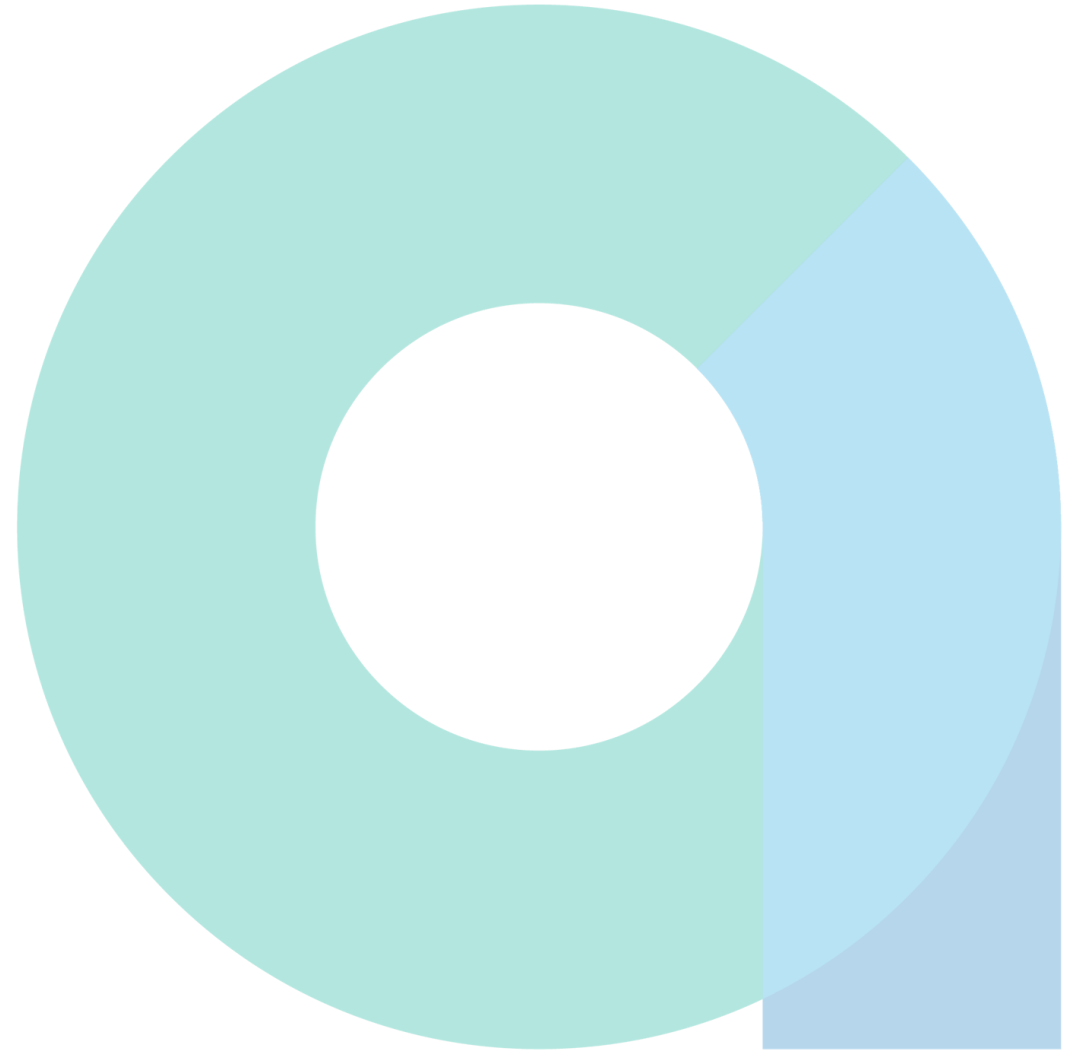


## Insurance

- Access to compensation if ADS at fault
- Rights of recovery
- Access to data to assess claims
- Changes in insurance market

# Infrastructure

- What are the requirements to enable automated vehicles?
- What are the opportunities to encourage new technologies, applications and business models?



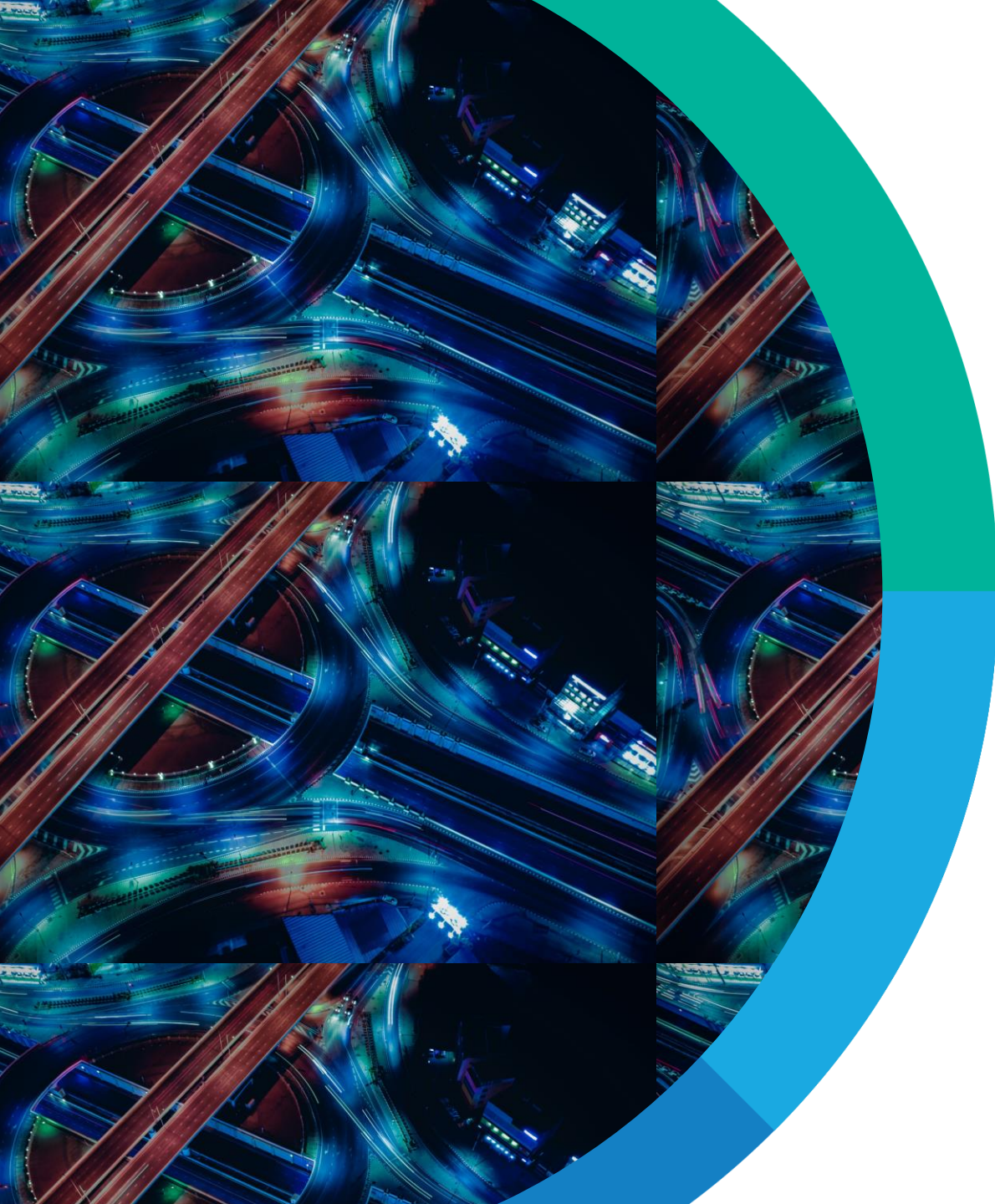


# Public acceptance

- Need to bring the public along for the journey
- Positive feedback from trial participants
- Overall public perception research shows mixed views about automated vehicles

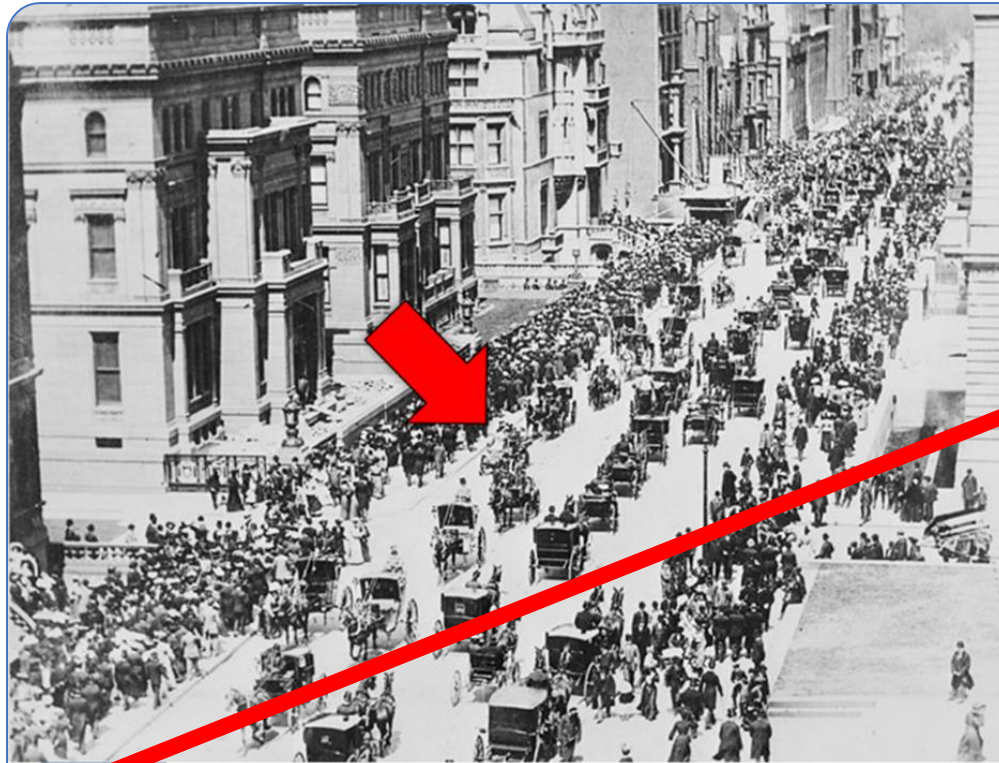
# Broader considerations

- What are the policy supports necessary to gain the expected benefits of automated vehicles? E.g. eased congestion, accessibility.
- What are the cross-cutting policy challenges? E.g. future jobs, capability within government and other sectors, data exchange.
- How is Australia placed as an attractive place to invest?
- What is the best path to take when technology, business models and applications are uncertain?



## 5. Conclusion

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