



# New South Wales Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption

## Operator's Guide

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# 1 Introduction

The *New South Wales Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Notice* and the *New South Wales Class 3 Drought Assistance Dimension Exemption Notice* allow heavy vehicles carrying specified baled and rolled commodities to operate outside the statutory height and width requirements so long as they meet certain conditions.

Under national regulations, most heavy vehicles may operate under general access and normal road rules up to 2.5m in width and 4.3m in height. Certain vehicles, such as road trains and b-doubles, may also operate up to these limits, but only on specified routes. To operate outside these dimensional requirements, vehicles need a special exemption as a Class 3 vehicle.

The *New South Wales Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Notice* allows eligible vehicles carrying baled commodities to operate up to 2.7m wide and 4.6m high.

The *New South Wales Class 3 Drought Assistance Dimension Exemption Notice* allows eligible vehicles carrying baled or rolled hay to operate up to 2.83m wide and 4.6m high in certain circumstances.

Vehicles operating under both Notices must meet the conditions of the exemption, including:

- That the vehicle be of a specified configuration
- That the vehicle is carrying specified baled commodities
- That the vehicle is following all road and travel conditions relevant to its route.

It is important to note that these Notices only provide an exemption to specific dimension requirements under the Heavy Vehicle National Law. In all other regards, all other requirements of the Heavy Vehicle National Law apply. Also, all Road Rules still apply and operators are still responsible for the safe operation of their vehicles.

## 1.1 About this guide

The *New South Wales Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Operator's Guide* (the Guide) operates in conjunction with the *New South Wales Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Notice* (the Baled Commodities Notice) and the *New South Wales Class 3 Drought Assistance Dimension Exemption Notice* (the Drought Assistance Notice).

The Guide is intended to provide general background to both Notices, and also provides specific information referred to in the Notices. The Notices are published in the Commonwealth Gazette are the enforceable instrument. Guide outlines the requirements to achieve compliance with both Notice, and also some specific information referred to in the Notice.

When a Notice refers to the *New South Wales Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Operators Guide*, it refers to this document.

## 1.2 About the notice

The *New South Wales Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Notice* and the *New South Wales Class 3 Drought Assistance Dimension Exemption Notice* are the instrument made under the Heavy Vehicle National Law that gives legal effect these exemptions. It is published in the Commonwealth Gazette under section 117 of the National Law, and is also available on the Regulator's website.

## 1.3 Eligible vehicles

### 1.3.1 Baled commodities notice

The following types of heavy vehicles and combinations may use this exemption for the Baled Commodities Notice when they are transporting one of the Specified Baled Commodities set out in Appendix 1 of this Guide:

- a rigid vehicle; or
- a prime mover and semi-trailer combination; or
- a B-Double; or
- a road train; or
- a truck and dog trailer combination; or
- a truck and pig trailer combination.

### 1.3.2 Drought assistance notice

The following types of heavy vehicles and combinations may use this exemption for the Drought Assistance Notice when they are transporting one of the Specified Commodities set out in Appendix 5 of this Guide:

- a rigid vehicle; or
- a prime mover and semi-trailer combination; or
- a prime mover and low loader combination; or
- a B-Double.

This Notice only applies to vehicles loaded with Specified Commodities, where the Specified Commodity is being transported to a drought affected area.

A drought affected area means a zone identified as *Drought Affected*, *Drought and Intense Drought* on the Combined Drought Indicator Map published by the NSW Department of Primary Industries. This interactive map can be viewed at: <https://edis.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>.

All specific information required for operation under the Drought Assistance Notice is provided in Appendix 5 of this Guide.

## 1.4 Dimension exemptions and conditional limits

Both Notices are intended to accommodate eligible vehicles loaded to their as-constructed limits while carrying specified types of commodities which can result in the load exceeding regulation limits by a small amount. For example, a properly restrained rectangular hay bale may bulge slightly outside the constructed limits of the vehicle and its restraints.

Both Notices provide an exemption from the relevant width and height provisions in the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass and Dimension) National Regulation*, up to specified limits. Both Notices only provides dimension exemptions for the load and vehicles must be constructed to the statutory dimension limits. To make use of this exemption, a vehicle must meet all other conditions of either Notice.

### 1.4.1 Baled commodities notice

Regulation section	Regulation limit	Condition limit
s7(1) width	2.5m	2.7m*
S8(d) height	4.3m	4.6m

\*An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice that is a road train, truck and dog trailer combination or a trailer truck and pig trailer combination may not exceed 2.6m wide.

Note that any vehicle operating at greater than 2.6m width will have further route and area restrictions as per Appendix 4.

**Table 1: Dimension limits under the Baled Commodities Notice**

Regardless of these exemptions, an eligible vehicle's load must not project more than 100mm from either side of the vehicle.

Note: these exemptions and conditional limits are not a compliance "tolerance" or margin for error.

### 1.4.2 Drought assistance notice

Regulation section	Regulation limit	Condition limit
s7(1) width	2.5m	2.83m*
S8(d) height	4.3m	4.6m

\*Any vehicle operating at greater than 2.6m width will have further route and area restrictions as per Appendix 5 of this Guide.

**Table 2: Dimension limits under the Drought Assistance Notice**

Regardless of these exemptions, an eligible vehicle's load must not project more than 165 mm from either side of the vehicle.

Note: these exemptions and conditional limits are not a compliance "tolerance" or margin for error.

## 2 Route and area conditions

Eligible vehicles may use the routes and areas on their relevant approved network. Additional travel conditions also apply for eligible vehicles exceeding 2.6m wide.

The route and area conditions are set out in:

- section 11 of the Baled Commodities Notice and
- section 12 of the Drought Assistance Notice.

Links to relevant Notices and networks are provided in:

- Appendix 2 of this Guide when operating under the Baled Commodities Notice and
- Appendix 5 of this Guide when operating under the Drought Assistance Notice.

### 1.1 B-doubles and road trains

Class 2 b-doubles and road trains may use their approved network under the national b-double and road train notices.

The interactive network map is found at: [NHVR National Network Map](#).

## 1.2 Truck and dog trailer combinations

Truck and dog trailer combinations may use their approved network when operating under the Baled Commodities Notice as outlined in Schedule 2 of the *National Class 3 Truck and Dog Trailer Mass Exemption Notice*. Refer to the relevant Notice for additional requirements.

Truck and dog trailer combinations are **not** permitted to operate under the Drought Assistance Notice.

## 1.3 General access vehicles

Eligible vehicles that would otherwise have general access may continue to use the road network as unrestricted vehicles.

## 1.4 General access vehicles greater than 4.3m high up to 4.6m high

Vehicles that are general access vehicles by construction but are loaded more than 4.3m high must use the NSW 4.6m high network as specified in:

- Appendix 2 when operating under the Baled Commodities Notice and
- Appendix 5 when operating under the Drought Assistance Notice.

The interactive network map is found at: [NHVR National Network Map](#).

## 1.5 Vehicles wider than 2.6m and up to 2.7m wide

Any eligible vehicle greater than 2.6m wide may use the routes specified in this section only if they comply with the extra conditions set out in:

- Appendix 3 when operating under Baled Commodities Notice and
- Appendix 5 when operating under the Drought Assistance Notice.

## 1.6 Other conditions

Any eligible vehicle greater than 2.6m wide must comply with the conditions set out in Appendix 4 of this Guide when operating under the Baled Commodities Notice.

Appendix 4 of this Guide does **not** apply to a vehicle operating under the Drought Assistance Notice.

## Appendix 1: Specified Baled Commodities

Table 3 lists the Specified Baled Commodities referred to in section 8(1) of the *New South Wales Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Notice* and elsewhere in this Guide.

Table of Specified Baled Commodities
Rectangular cotton bales produced at a cotton gin
Baled or rolled hay or straw
Baled wool

**Table 3: Specified baled commodities for Baled Commodities Notice**

## Appendix 2: Approved routes and areas

Table 4 provides information regarding the relevant Notices specified in section 11 of the *New South Wales Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Notice*.

Vehicle	Relevant notice and network
B-Double	<a href="#">National Class 2 B-double Authorisation Notice 2024</a>
Road Train	<a href="#">National Class 2 Road Train Authorisation Notice 2022</a>
4.6m High Vehicles	<a href="#">New South Wales and Queensland Class 3 4.6m High Loaded Semi-Trailer Dimension Exemption Notice 2024</a>

**Table 4: Relevant notices for the Baled Commodities Notice**



## Appendix 3: NSW Baled Commodities Routes and Travel Restrictions

The following routes and restrictions apply to vehicles operating under the Baled Commodities Notice as referred to under s11(2) of the Notice. These requirements **do not** apply to a vehicle operating under the Drought Assistance Notice.

Eligible vehicles operating under to the *NSW Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Notice* are subject to the travel conditions that apply in the NSW Urban Zone and NSW Regional Zone as set out below.

Despite the dimension limits allowable under the *NSW Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Notice*, an eligible vehicle must not exceed a dimension limit which applies to a Limited Access Location or Zone as set out below.

### Part 1 - NSW Urban Zone

#### 1.1 Definition

The NSW Urban Zone is defined as the area bounded by and including the named roads,

- the Pacific Ocean and the North Channel of the Hunter River, then north from Stockton bridge along
- Nelson Bay Road (MR108) to Williamtown, then west along
- Cabbage Tree Road (MR302) to Masonite Road near Tomago, then along
- Masonite Road to the Pacific Highway (HW10) at Heatherbrae, then south along the
- Pacific Highway (HW10) to Hexham, then west along the
- New England Highway (HW9) to Weakleys Drive Thornton, then south along
- Weakleys Drive to the Sydney-Newcastle Freeway (F3) at Beresfield, then along the
- F3 Freeway to the Hawkesbury River bridge, then along the
- Hawkesbury River and the Nepean River to Cobbity, then a line drawn south from
- Cobbity to Picton, then via
- Picton Rd and Mount Ousley Rd (MR95) to the start of the F6 Freeway at Mount Ousley, then via the
- F6 Freeway to the Princes Hwy at West Wollongong, then the
- Princes Hwy and Illawarra Hwy to Albion Park with a branch west on West Dapto Rd to Tubemakers, then
- Tongarra Rd to the Princes Hwy, then
- Princes Highway south to the intersection of South Kiama Drive at Kiama Heights.

#### 1.2 Clearway and transit lane travel

A vehicle that is wider than 2.6 metres must not travel on clearways or transit lanes in the NSW Urban Zone between the hours of 6.00am and 10.00am and between the hours of 3.00pm and 7.00pm when clearway or transit lane restrictions apply.

#### 1.3 Night Travel

Vehicles wider than 2.6 metres travelling at night may only operate in the NSW Urban Zone between 10:00pm and sunrise.



### 1.4 Sundays and public holidays

Vehicles wider than 2.6 metres are not permitted to travel after 4.00pm on Sundays or state-wide public holidays on the following roads:

Road or area subject to restriction
Hume Highway between the Picton Rd interchange and the M7 and M5 interchange at Prestons
Western Motorway (M4) between the Nepean River at Emu Plains and Prospect
Sydney–Newcastle Freeway (F3) between the Hawkesbury River and the Central Coast Highway interchange at Kariong

**Table 5: Baled Commodities Notice – Sunday and public holiday restrictions**

### 1.5 Public holiday periods (including 23 December to 3 January)

Vehicles wider than 2.6 metres are not permitted to travel in the daytime during public holiday periods (including 23 December to 3 January of the following year inclusive) on the following roads:

Road or area subject to restriction
Princes Highway – from Broadway to south Kiama
Hume Highway – from Parramatta Rd to Picton Rd interchange
Pacific Highway – from Warringah Freeway North Sydney to Masonite Rd Heatherbrae
New England Highway – from Hexham Bridge to Weakleys Drive
Central Coast Highway – from F3 at Kariong to Pacific Highway Doyalson
Newcastle Bypass – from Pacific Highway Windale to Pacific Highway Sandgate
Cumberland Highway – from Hume Highway Liverpool to Pacific Highway Wahroonga
Great Western Highway – from Broadway to Nepean River Emu Plains
F1 Warringah Freeway – from Sydney Harbour Bridge to Willoughby Rd Naremburn
M2 Hills Motorway – from North Ryde to Seven Hills
F3 Sydney Newcastle Freeway – from Wahroonga to Beresfield
F4 Western Motorway – from Concord Rd to Nepean River Leonay
F5 South Western Freeway – from Kyeemagh to Prestons
F6 Southern Freeway – from waterfall to Yallah
M7 Westlink – from Seven Hills to Prestons
Gore Hill Freeway – Naremburn to Lane Cove

**Table 6: Baled Commodities Notice – Public holiday periods restrictions**

Note: A public holiday period means a period of three or more consecutive days covering a gazette NSW public holiday and adjacent weekend days (for example Easter and every long weekend); or the period between 23 December and 3 January of the following year (inclusive).

## 1.6 Limited Access Locations and Zones - NSW Urban Zone

Travel on or through a Limited Access Location or Zone is not permitted under the Baled Commodities Notice if the vehicle exceeds an applicable limit. If a vehicle exceeds an applicable limit, a specific permit must be obtained before travelling on or in any of the following Limited Access Locations in the NSW Urban Zone, subject to any restrictions or conditions which apply at that location or Zone. A permit cannot be granted for access at some locations.

### 1.6.1 Sydney and Inner Suburbs

Sydney CBD zone: The area bounded by and including George Street from Railway Square to Hay Street, Hay Street from George Street to Sussex Street, Sussex Street from Hay Street to Erskine Street, Erskine Street from Sussex Street to Kent Street, Kent Street from Erskine Street to as far north as Jamison Street, then a line drawn to Jamison Street and along Jamison Street to York Street, York Street from Jamison Street to Grosvenor Street, Grosvenor Street from York Street to George Street, George Street from Grosvenor Street to Alfred Street, Alfred Street from George Street to Circular Quay East, Circular Quay East from Alfred Street to Macquarie Street, Macquarie Street from Circular Quay East to Prince Albert Road, Prince Albert Road from Macquarie Street to College Street, College Street from Prince Albert Road to Wentworth Avenue, Wentworth Avenue from College Street to Elizabeth Street, Elizabeth Street from Wentworth Avenue to Hay Street, Hay Street from Elizabeth Street to Pitt Street, Pitt Street from Hay Street to George Street at Railway Square;

#### Sydney CBD Zone



**Limited Access Locations: Sydney CBD and Inner suburbs**

Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
Sydney CBD Zone	2.6	4.3	12.5	Specific permit required
Boundary Street Darlinghurst railway underpass (MR625)	N/A	4.0	N/A	Height limited railway underpass Access not permitted
Bradfield Highway (MR632) from the Southern Toll Plaza to Lavender Street	2.6	4.3	19.0	Access not permitted
Brown Street Leichhardt (Tebbutt St to Cook St) (MR652)	2.6	4.3	19.0	Access not permitted
Cross City Tunnel from McLachlan Ave Rushcutters Bay to Harbour St at Darling Harbour	2.6	4.3	19.0	Access not permitted
Cahill Expressway (MR592) from the Southern Toll Plaza to the Eastern Distributor toll road	2.6	4.3	19.0	Access not permitted
Frederick Street Ashfield railway underpass (MR650)	N/A	4.0	N/A	Height limited railway underpass Access not permitted
Johnston Street Annandale railway underpass (MR655)	N/A	4.0	N/A	Height limited railway underpass Access not permitted
King Street Newtown (HW1) between Lord Street and Carillon Avenue	2.6	4.3	19.0	Access not permitted
M5 East Motorway (tunnel) between King Georges Road interchange Beverly Hills and General Holmes Drive Mascot	2.6	4.3	19.0	Access not permitted
Raw Square Strathfield railway underpass (MR668)	N/A	3.9	N/A	Height limited railway underpass Access not permitted
(Old) Ryde Bridge (MR200) from Concord Road to Church Street	N/A	4.5	N/A	Specific permit required
Sydney Harbour Bridge (MR632) from the Southern Toll Plaza to Lavender Street North Sydney	2.6	4.3	19.0	Access not permitted unless for works on bridge – Specific permit required
Sydney Harbour Tunnel from Warringah Freeway to the Cahill Expressway; from Eastern Distributor to Baker Street Kensington	2.6	4.3	19.0	Access not permitted

### 1.6.2 Sydney North

Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
Lane Cove Tunnel from the Pacific Hwy to Lane Cove River at Lane Cove North	2.6	4.3	25.0	Dimensions must be met for access
M2 Motorway and tunnel from the toll plaza at Macquarie Park to Beecroft Rd (MR139)	2.6	4.3	25.0	Dimensions must be met for access
Berowra Waters Road (RR332) at Berowra Ferry	2.6	4.3	12.5	Access not permitted
Boundary Street Roseville railway underpass (MR328)	N/A	4.1	N/A	Height limited railway underpass Access not permitted
Galston Road (MR161) at Galston Gorge between Montview Parade Hornsby Heights and Calderwood Road Galston	2.6	4.3	7.5	Access not permitted
McCarrs Creek Road (MR174) from Church Point to Terrey Hills	2.6	4.3	12.5	Access not permitted
Wisemans Ferry Road (RR225) from Berecry Rd Mangrove Mountain to the Hawkesbury River Wisemans Ferry	2.6	4.3	19.0	Specific permit required, not for through travel
Strathallen Ave (MR599) at the suspension bridge (BN172), Northbridge	N/A	4.3	N/A	Overmass access not permitted
NorthConnex from M1 Pacific Motorway Wahroonga and M2 Motorway West Pennant Hills	2.5	4.6	25	Dimensions must be met for access

### 1.6.3 Sydney South

Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
Heathcote Road (MR512) between New Illawarra Road Lucas Heights and the Princes Highway Heathcote	2.6	N/A	19.0	Specific permit required
Lady Wakehurst Drive, Sir Bertram Stevens Drive, Audley Road and Farnell Avenue (MR393) between Bald Hill Lookout and the Princes Highway	2.6	4.3	14.5	Specific permit required
McKell Avenue (MR393) from Waterfall to the Royal National Park	2.6	4.3	14.5	Specific permit required
Princes Highway (HW1) on (old) Tom Ugly’s Bridge (northbound)	N/A	4.3	19.0	Height Limited Bridge Use Taren Point Rd
Seven Ways Rockdale (MR169) between the Princes Highway and Watkin Street	N/A	4.3	19.0	Specific permit required
Wollongong Road Arncliffe - railway underpass	N/A	3.5	19.0	Narrow height limited railway underpass

### 1.6.4 Sydney West

#### Limited Access Zone – Parramatta CBD

Parramatta CBD restricted road zone: The area bounded by and including Phillip Street from the intersection with Marsden Road to the intersection with Charles Street, Charles Street to the intersection with Macquarie Street, Macquarie Street to the intersection with Smith Street, Smith Street to the intersection with Darcy Street, Darcy Street to the intersection with Church Street, Church Street Mall to the intersection with Macquarie Street, Macquarie Street to the intersection with Marsden Street and Marsden Street to the intersection with Phillip Street. The zone also includes Fitzwilliam Street from the intersection with Wentworth Street to the intersection with Church Street and Argyle Street from the intersection with Church Street to the intersection with Fitzwilliam Street;

#### Parramatta CBD





**Limited Access Locations: Sydney West**

Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
Parramatta CBD Zone	2.6	4.3	19.0	Specific permit required
Gasworks Bridge Parramatta	2.6	N/A	N/A	Load limited bridge 30t gross
Macquarie St underpass Windsor	N/A	4.3	N/A	Height limited railway underpass Access not permitted
Windsor Bridge George St Windsor	2.6	4.3	22.0	Specific permit
Victoria Bridge over Nepean River at Penrith	2.6	4.3	19.0	Access not permitted beyond these dimensions

**1.6.5 Wollongong**

**Limited Access Zone – Wollongong CBD**

Wollongong CBD zone: Wollongong CBD is the area bounded by and including Smith Street from the intersection with Flinders Street to the intersection with Corrimal Street, the western side of Corrimal Street to the intersection with Bank Street, Bank Street to the intersection with Church Street, Church Street to the intersection with Ellen Street, and Ellen Street to the intersection with Auburn Street, then a straight line drawn from the intersection of Ellen Street and Auburn Street to the intersection of Rowland Avenue and Gladstone Avenue, Gladstone Avenue to the intersection with Crown Street, Crown Street and Denison Street to the intersection with Victoria Street, Victoria Street to the intersection with Keira Street, and Keira Street to the intersection with Smith Street;



### Limited Access Locations: Wollongong CBD

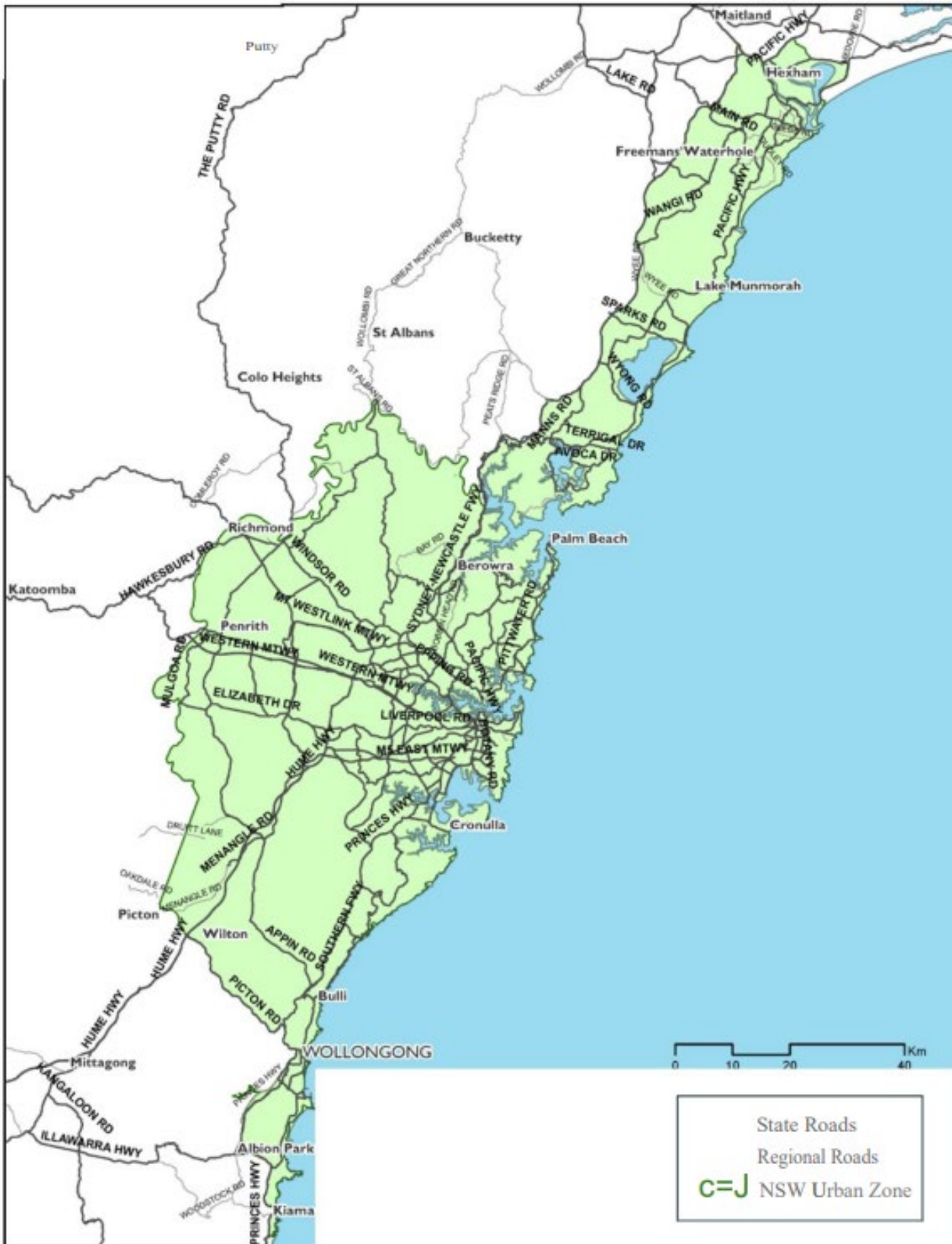
Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
Wollongong CBD Zone	2.6	4.3	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Broughton Pass (RR610) from Appin Road to Wilton Road	2.6	4.3	19.0	No oversize access
Bulli Pass (HW1) from Mount Ousley Road to Lawrence Hargrave Drive	2.6	4.6	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Lawrence Hargrave Drive (MR185) from the Princes Highway at the foot of Bulli Pass via Thirroul, Austinmer, Clifton and Bald Hill to the Princes Highway south of Helensburgh	2.6	4.3	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Victoria Street, Wollongong	N/A	3.8	N/A	Rail overpass

### 1.6.6 Limited Access Locations: Newcastle and Central Coast

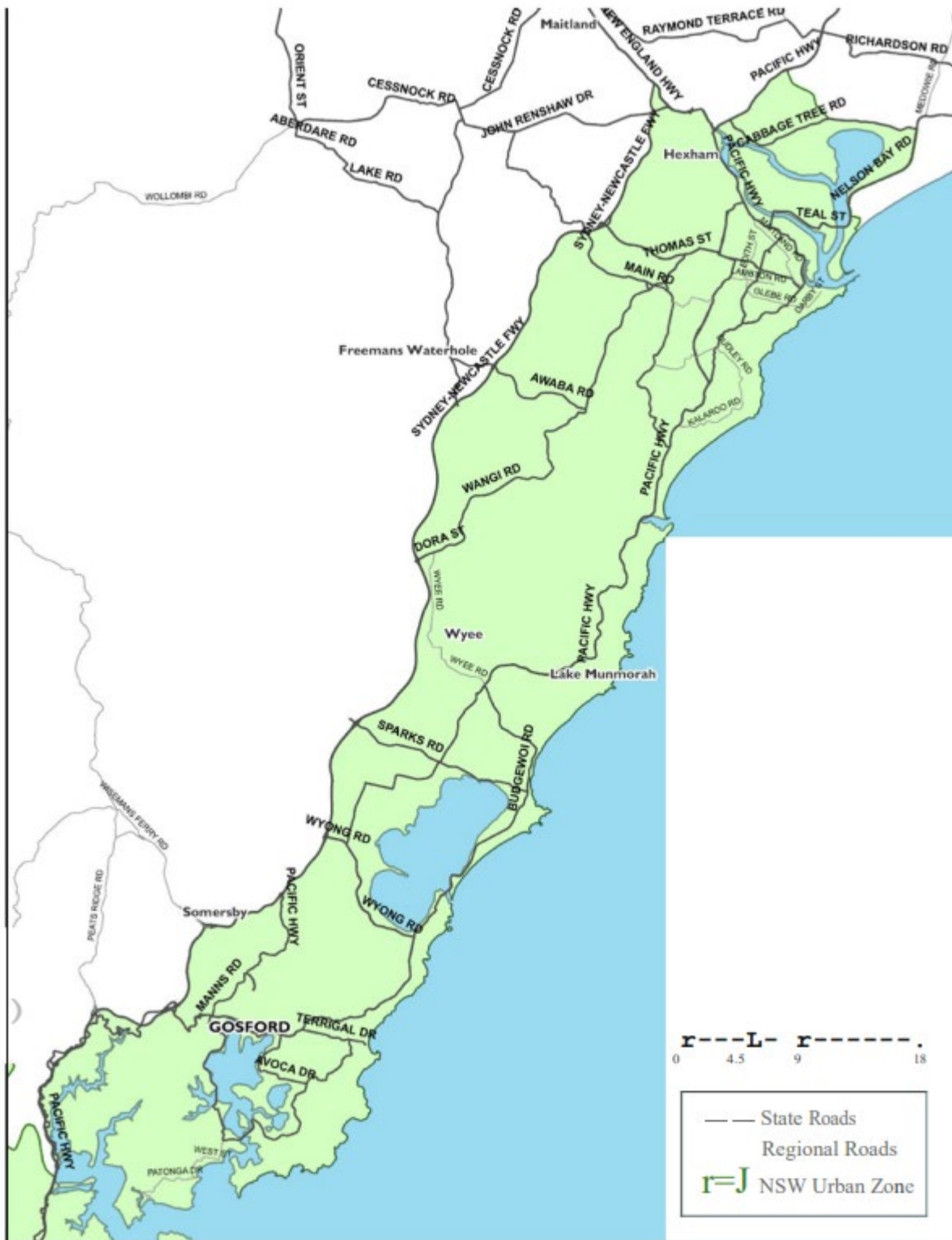
Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
George Booth Drive (MR527) from the F3 Freeway west to the Tasman Mine entrance.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Henry Parry Drive Gosford (MR673) between York Street and Etna Street	2.6	4.3	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Old Pacific Highway from the Hawkesbury River to Kariong	N/A	4.6	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Woy Woy Bay Road (RR7751) from Woy Woy to Kariong	2.6	4.6	19.0	Class 3 permit required



### NSW Urban Zone Map



### NSW Urban Zone – Newcastle Map

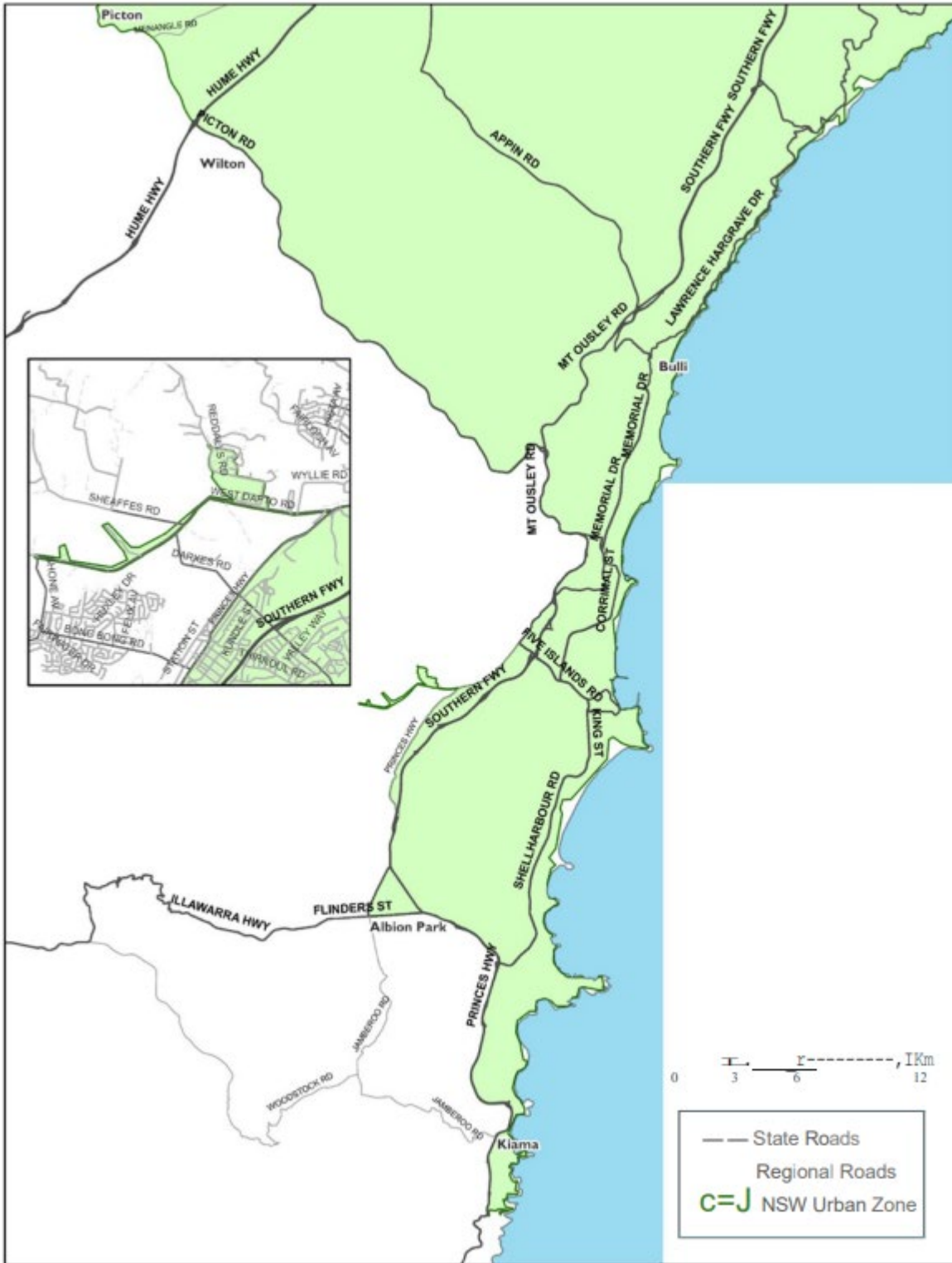


### NSW Urban Zone – Sydney Map





### NSW Urban Zone – Wollongong Map



## Part 2 - NSW Regional Zone

The NSW Regional Zone is that part of the State of New South Wales that is not part of the area declared to be the NSW Urban Zone

### 2.1 Public holiday periods (including 23 December to 3 January)

Vehicles wider than 2.6 metres are not permitted to travel in the daytime during public holiday periods (including 23 December to 3 January of the following year inclusive) on the following roads:

Travel restriction applies to
Pacific Highway – from Heatherbrae to Qld border
Princes Highway – from South Kiama to Victorian border
Hume Highway – from Picton Rd to Victorian border
Great Western Highway – from Nepean River to Bathurst
New England Highway – from Weakleys Drive to Qld border
Golden Highway – from New England Highway to Dubbo
Mitchell Highway – from Bathurst to Dubbo
Castlereagh Highway – from Marrangaroo to Gilgandra
Kamilaroi Highway – from Willow Tree to Narrabri
Newell Highway – from Tocumwal to Goondiwindi
Mid Western Highway – from Bathurst to Marsden
Sturt Highway – from Lower Tarcutta to Narrandera
Riverina Highway – from Bethanga to Finley
Monaro Highway – from ACT border to Victorian border near Rockton
Snowy Mountains Highway – from Bega to the Hume Highway
Oxley Highway – from Port Macquarie to Coonabarabran
Gwydir Highway – from South Grafton to Moree
Bruxner Highway – from Ballina to Boggabilla
Gold Coast Highway – from Tweed Interchange to Coolangatta
Illawarra Highway – from Albion Park to the Hume Highway
Federal Highway – from Hume Highway to ACT border
Barton Highway – from Hume Highway to ACT border
Burley Griffin Way (MR84) between the Hume Highway west of Bowning and the Irrigation Way (MR80) at Yoogali east of Griffith
Kidman Way (MR321 + MR80) between the Newell Highway 16km north of Jerilderie and the Mid Western Highway at Goolgowi

Travel restriction applies to
Lachlan Valley Way (MR56) between the Newell Highway at Forbes and its intersection with the Hume Highway northwest of Yass
Kings Highway (MR51) between Braidwood and Batemans Bay
Olympic Highway (MR78) between the Hume Highway north of Albury, and Cowra
Hunter Expressway between the M1 Pacific Motorway (6003) near Seahampton and the New England Highway

Note: A public holiday period means a period of three or more consecutive days covering a gazette NSW public holiday and adjacent weekend days (for example Easter and every long weekend); or the period between 23 December and 3 January of the following year (inclusive).

## 2.2 Limited Access Locations and Zones – NSW Regional Zone

Travel is not permitted if you exceed the stated dimension limits for that road or location. A specific permit must be obtained before travelling on any of the following restricted roads:

### 2.2.1 Limited Access Locations: Northern Ranges & North Coast NSW

Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
Coramba Rd (RR120) between Dorrigo and Coramba.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Waterfall Way between Church St Bellingen and Maynards Plains Rd Dorrigo.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Tomewin Rd (RR143) from Murwillumbah to the Qld border.	2.6	N/A	19.0	No oversize access
Bruxner Hwy between Drake and Tenterfield.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Ebor to Grafton Rd (RR74) between Tyringham and Nymboida.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Oxley Hwy from Ralfes Creek bridge west to Yarrowitch.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Class 3 permit required

### 2.2.2 Limited Access Locations: Central NSW

Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
Crookwell to Trunkey Creek (Binda Rd MR54) between Abercrombie Caves and Tuena.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Abercrombie Rd (Taralga to Goulburn Road RR256) for 5 km north and south of Abercrombie Bridge.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Hawkesbury Road (MR570) between the lookout near Roberts Pde and north to the Blue Mountains City Council boundary.	2.6	N/A	12.5	Class 3 permit required for access, no through travel
Putty Road (MR503) from East Kurrajong Rd to Milbrodale School.	2.6	4.3	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Paytens Bridge over Lachlan River near Bandon.	2.6	4.3	19.0	No oversize access
Jenolan Caves Road (RR253) from 10km north of Jenolan Caves to 10km west of Jenolan Caves.	2.6	4.3	12.5	Class 3 permit required
Kamilaroi Highway at Gunnedah town centre between Warrabungle Street and Abbott Street.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Use bypass routes via Bloomfield Street or South Street.

### 2.2.3 Limited Access Locations: Hunter and Central Coast

Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
Edderton Road between Denman Road and Golden Highway	2.6	N/A	25.0	Class 3 permit required



### 2.2.4 Limited Access Locations: South Western and Southern NSW

Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
Echuca Bridge on Cobb Highway between Moama and Echuca.				Mon – Fri 7.30am to 9.30am, and Noon to 1pm, and 3pm to 6pm
	2.6	N/A	N/A	Sat – Sun 7.30am to 9am, and Noon to 1pm No overmass permitted
Burley Griffin Way between Binalong and Stockinbingal.	2.6	N/A	N/A	Contact Police before travel. See Part 3.1 for Police contact details.
Gocup Rd between Gundagai and Tumut.	26	N/A	N/A	Contact Police before travel. See Part 3.1 for Police contact details.
Grahamstown Rd between Tumblong and Mt Horeb.	2.6	N/A	N/A	Contact Police before travel. See Part 3.1 for Police contact details.
Snowy Mountains Highway from Tumut Plains Rd Tumut to Kosciusko Rd Cooma.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Contact Police before travel. See Part 3.1 for Police contact details.

### 2.2.5 Limited Access Locations: Southern Ranges and South Coast NSW

Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
Illawarra Highway (HW25) from the Broughton Ave roundabout near Tullimbar westward to Jamberoo Mountain Rd near Robertson.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Class 3 permit required, no through travel permitted
Moss Vale Road (MR261) between Barfield Rd Cambewarra and Fitzroy Falls.	2.6	N/A	19.0	If wider than 2.6m contact Police before travel. See Part 3.1 for Police contact details.
Moss Vale Road (RR261) at Fitzroy Falls.	2.6	4.6	19.0	Class 3 permit required
Kangaroo Valley Road between Berry and Moss Vale Rd.	2.6	N/A	19.0	If wider than 2.6m contact Police before travel. See Part 3.1 for Police contact details.
Hampden Bridge in Kangaroo Valley.	2.6	4.6	19.0	Class 3 permit required; no overmass permitted
Mount Keira Road at Mount Keira	2.6	4.3	12.5	Class 3 permit required

Location/Road	Dimension Limit (metres)			Location restriction and conditions of access
	Width	Height	Length	
between Harry Graham Dve and Gipps Rd.				
Araluen Rd from Majors Creek to Kiora.	2.6	N/A	19.0	Class 3 permit required, no through travel permitted
Princes Highway at Narooma bridge between Dalmeny Drive and Riverside drive.	N/A	4.5	N/A	If higher than 4.4 metres contact Police before travel. See Part 3.1 for Police contact details.
Princes Highway at South bound Shoalhaven Bridge at Nowra	N/A	4.4	N/A	No through travel permitted
Kings Highway (MR51) at Clyde Mountain	2.6	N/A	19.0	Contact Police before travel. See Part 3.1 for Police contact details.

## Part 3 – Contacts

### 3.1 Police

In any case where access to a location is conditional on contacting Police the following contact details are to be used. Contact must be made with the NSW Police Traffic and Highway Patrol Command.

Contact with a locally based Police officer or police station is not sufficient for compliance with this requirement.

NSW Police Traffic and Highway Patrol Command contact details:

Telephone	Email
(02) 8882 1219	trafficosom@police.nsw.gov.au

### 3.2 Electricity Supply Authorities

Distributor	Location	Contact details
Ausgrid Energy	Sydney, Central Coast and Hunter NSW regions	13 15 35 www.ausgrid.com.au
Endeavour Energy	Northern, Central, Southern NSW	13 10 81 www.endeavourenergy.com.au
Essential Energy	Country and regional NSW	13 23 91 (02) 6933 5823 www.essentialenergy.com.au

### 3.3 NSW Local Government

A list of all local government authorities (Councils) in NSW is available on the Office of Local Government website at:

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/local-government-directory/>

## Appendix 4: Additional Conditions for Vehicles over 2.6m Wide

A vehicle operating under the Baled Commodities Notice, which exceeds 2.6 metres in width, must comply with the conditions set out in this Appendix.

### PART 1 – WARNING DEVICES

#### 1.1 Travelling during the period between sunrise and sunset

1.1.1 When travelling between sunrise and sunset, it must have affixed:

- (a) one warning sign at its front; and
- (b) one warning sign at its rear; and
- (c) at least two yellow, rigid pieces of material (in this clause called delineators), where the load projects on one side of the vehicle only, attach one to the front of the lead trailer and one to the rear of the last trailer on the side of the projection; and
- (d) Where the load projects beyond both sides of the vehicle there must be at least 4 delineators—at least one on each side at the front and at least one on each side at the rear.

1.1.2 Headlights

A vehicle must have its low-beam headlights on while travelling in the daytime, unless it is not required under the Heavy Vehicle (Vehicle Standards) National Regulation to have headlights.

#### 1.2 Travelling during the period between sunset and sunrise

1.2.1 When travelling between sunset and sunrise, a vehicle that is being operated under this Notice must have affixed:

- (a) one warning sign at its front, and
- (b) one warning sign at its rear; and
- (c) at least two yellow, rigid pieces of material (in this clause called delineators), where the load projects on one side of the vehicle only, attach one to the front of the lead trailer and one to the rear of the last trailer on the side of the projection and
- (d) Where the load projects beyond both sides of the vehicle there must be at least 4 delineators—at least one on each side at the front and at least one on each side at the rear.
- (e) A warning light attached to the top of the cabin of the vehicle or combination.

#### 1.3 Requirements of warning devices required under this Notice

1.3.1 Warning signs must comply with the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1906.1:2007, *Retroflective materials and devices for road control purposes* and also with Subdivision 3 of Schedule 8 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation.

1.3.2 A delineator must:

- (a) be at least 300 mm long and at least 300 mm wide, and
- (b) comply with Class 1 or 2 of Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1906.1:2007, *Retroflective materials and devices for road control purposes*; and
- (c) if at the front of the lead trailer, be attached so that its reflective surface is facing forward of the vehicle, and does not exceed the extremity of the load, and
- (d) if at the rear of the last trailer, be attached so that its reflective surface is facing rearward from the vehicle.

1.3.3 When switched on, a warning light that is required to be fitted to a vehicle operating under this Notice must:

- (a) emit a rotating, flashing, yellow coloured light, and
- (b) flash between 120 and 200 times a minute, and

- (c) have a power of at least 55 watts, and
  - (d) not be a strobe light.
- 1.3.4 A warning sign must not be displayed on a vehicle or combination that is not operating under the Notice.
- 1.3.5 Any warning light which a vehicle or combination is required to have under this Notice must only be switched on when the vehicle or combination is travelling or is stationary in a position that is likely to cause danger to other road users.
- 1.3.6 If a vehicle or combination is not required under this Notice to have a warning light, it must not have one that is switched on.

## **PART 2 - TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

### **2.1 No travelling if low visibility**

- 2.1.1 A vehicle must not begin to travel if, due to circumstances such as fog, heavy rain, smoke, dust or insect plague:
- (a) visibility is less than 250 m in the daytime; or
  - (b) the headlights of a vehicle approaching within 250 m could not be seen at night.
- 2.1.2 If a vehicle is already travelling when visibility is reduced to the level described in 2.1.1, the driver must drive it into the nearest safe parking area, and wait until visibility improves beyond that level before continuing to travel.

### **2.2 Minimum following distance**

A vehicle must maintain a distance of at least 200 m from an oversize vehicle or combination travelling in front of it, unless:

- (a) it is overtaking the front one, or the front one is stopping; or
- (b) there is a separate lane available for the use of overtaking traffic; or
- (c) it is in an urban area and it is not reasonably practicable to maintain a distance of 200 m.

### **2.3 Assessing routes**

- 2.3.1 Before a vehicle or combination is driven along any route, its driver and owner must be satisfied that the route has been assessed and that the vehicle or combination can be driven along it as per Appendix 3 of this Guide.

## Appendix 5: Drought Travel Routes and Conditions

### 5.1 Specified Commodities

Table 7 lists the Specified Commodities referred to in section 6(2) of the *New South Wales Class 3 Drought Assistance Exemption Notice* and elsewhere in this Guide.

Table of Specified Baled Commodities
Baled hay
Rolled hay

**Table 7: Specified commodities for Drought Assistance Notice**

### 5.2 Drought Affected Area

A drought affected area, as referred to in section 6(2) of the *New South Wales Class 3 Drought Assistance Exemption Notice* and elsewhere in this Guide, means a zone identified as *Drought Affected, Drought and Intense Drought* on the Combined Drought Indicator Map published by the NSW Department of Primary Industries. This map can be viewed at: <https://edis.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>.

### 5.3 Approved Routes and Areas

Table 8 provides information regarding relevant Notices specified in section 12 of the *New South Wales Class 3 Drought Assistance Exemption Notice*.

Travel is not permitted in the NSW Urban Zone. The NSW Urban Zone is defined in Appendix 4 of this Guide. An operator wanting to travel in the NSW Urban Zone can apply for a Class 3 access permit.

Vehicle	Relevant notice and network
B-Double	<a href="#">National Class 2 B-double Authorisation Notice 2024</a>
Low loader	<a href="#">National Class 2 Road Train Authorisation Notice 2022</a>
4.6m High	<a href="#">New South Wales and Queensland Class 3 4.6m High Loaded Semi-Trailer Dimension Exemption Notice 2024</a>

**Table 8: Relevant notices for the Drought Assistance Notice**

Network maps and further information for these Notices may be found at:

<https://maps.nhvr.gov.au/>

Copies of the Notices listed above may be found at:

<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/notices-and-permit-based-schemes/national-notices>

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A vehicle operating under the New South Wales Class 3 Drought Assistance Exemption Notice, which exceeds 2.6 metres in width, must comply with the conditions set out in section 5.4 of Appendix 5.

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