

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR)

Statement of Intent 2025/27

The NHVR acknowledges receipt of the 2025/27 Statement of Expectations (SOE) from responsible Ministers and reaffirms our commitment to delivering on the objectives of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL). The below Statement of Intent outlines our dedication to improving heavy vehicle safety, supporting productivity, reducing regulatory burdens, and strengthening collaboration with jurisdictions and the heavy vehicle industry.

Commitment to the Ministers' Expectations

The NHVR is committed to being a modern, intelligence-led regulator. We are committed to undertaking a risk-based and data-driven regulatory approach that effectively manages the impact of heavy vehicles on the environment, public amenity, and road infrastructure.

In alignment with the Ministers' expectations outlined in the SOE, the NHVR will:

- Fulfil our statutory obligations under the HVNL and relevant state and territory agreements to improve safety for all road users.
- Minimise regulatory burdens while protecting safety and ensuring community and industry outcomes.
- Support the development and operation of safe, efficient and sustainable transport systems.
- Maintain collaborative, respectful, and system-wide partnerships with government, industry, and stakeholders.
- Provide support to Commonwealth, State and Territory Agencies to enable an effective response to natural disasters and declared emergencies.
- Align the NHVR's Safety Strategy and compliance monitoring plans with national, state, and territory road safety strategies.
- Actively support and progress the HVNL reform program and broader national priorities agreed to by Ministers, in collaboration with jurisdictional partner agencies.
- Conduct operations efficiently, effectively, and with full financial transparency.
- Innovate and embrace technology that delivers safety, productivity, sustainability and compliance outcomes.

Strategic Priorities and Actions for 2025/27

The NHVR will focus on the following priority areas:

1. Safety Improvement

- Target reductions in heavy vehicle crashes resulting in death or serious injury.
- Enhance vehicle roadworthiness and operational safety through strengthened compliance and enforcement activities.
- Address recidivist operator behaviour, focusing on fatigue management, fitness for duty, and heavy vehicle mass and dimension compliance.
- Continue to hold quarterly Heavy Vehicle Regulatory Enforcement Forums with our regulatory partner agencies in each jurisdiction, as well as convening the annual Jurisdictional Enforcement Forum to promote national consistency.
- Continue the NHVR's Regulatory Partners Program to encourage data sharing between jurisdictional partner agencies.

2. Innovation and Technology Adoption

- Encourage uptake of newer, safer heavy vehicles with advanced safety technologies.
- Promote consistent policies that support cleaner, low and zero-emission heavy vehicles.
- Support jurisdictions in expanding the use of telematics and emerging safety technologies.
- Maintain strong cyber security protections, particularly for systems handling personal and sensitive data.
- Progress investment in the NHVR's information and communication technology (ICT) investment strategy to enable dynamic heavy vehicle access through the National Automated Access System (NAAS).

3. Productivity and Community Amenity

- Align initiatives with the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy and jurisdictional freight action plans.
- Improve access management systems and support local governments in harmonising access decisions.
- Support community understanding of the role and benefits of high productivity vehicles while promoting road sharing safety.
- Monitor non-compliance impacts on community safety and amenity and respond appropriately through enforcement.

4. Collaboration and Data Sharing

- Enhance data and intelligence sharing arrangements with jurisdictions and relevant authorities.
- Continue meaningful engagement with industry and government stakeholders to inform NHVR programs and reforms.
- Provide timely, accurate advice to Ministers on key issues affecting heavy vehicle safety and regulation.
- Work collaboratively to implement the HVNL reform program, including non-legislative initiatives.
- Support joint operations with other enforcement bodies, including police and environmental agencies, as required.

Performance Monitoring and Reporting

The NHVR will demonstrate performance against the above strategic priorities through:

- Six-monthly reporting to the National Policy and Strategy Group (NPSG), including analysis of safety, compliance, and regulatory data via the Enterprise Data Platform (EDP).
- Annual reporting of progress against safety, productivity, sustainability, and regulatory capability measures.
- Regular updates and consultation through NPSG and other Ministerial forums to support continuous improvement and reform delivery.
- Preparing and delivering an annual, three-year rolling Corporate Plan, including a three-year budget statement.

Closing Statement

The NHVR remains committed to delivering a safer, more efficient, and sustainable heavy vehicle industry in Australia. We will align our activities with the strategic priorities set out in the 2025/27 Statement of Expectations and report on our performance transparently and collaboratively.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Commonwealth, State, and Territory governments, industry, and stakeholders to achieve these important outcomes.

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