



Message from the CEO

Welcome to this fortnight's edition of *On the Road*.

The first of the NHVR's Chain of Responsibility information forums kicked off at NHVR headquarters in Brisbane last week and were enthusiastically attended.

With more than 200 businesses signing up for the first two sessions, it's clear that the changes to CoR laws in mid 2018 are already on the radar of many heavy vehicle businesses and the heavy vehicle supply chain.

To support the industry, our forums will continue rolling out around the country to provide some essential information and resources that drivers, operators and those in the supply chain need to ensure they are prepared.

These are important changes and I would encourage you all to take the time to attend a session, or download the information material from the website.

See page 2 of *On the Road* or the NHVR website for further information about upcoming forums.

Regards
Sal Petrocchio
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

CoR forums kick off at NHVR headquarters in Brisbane

A new round of Chain of Responsibility information sessions kicked off at NHVR headquarters in Brisbane on 16 March as the industry gears up for new laws in mid 2018.

NHVR Chain of Responsibility Manager Michael Crellin said it was essential that all parties in the supply chain become more proactive in managing risks to ensure safe transport operations.

"These information sessions are part of a series of workshops we intend holding around the country," said Michael.

"The changes will complement heavy vehicle and national workplace safety laws, and make it easier for duty holders to understand and assess their risks, and know whether they are complying with the law.

"We want to ensure there is plenty of support and resources to assist all heavy vehicle supply chain businesses before the laws begin.

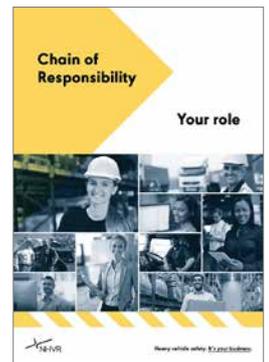
"Earlier this year we released our guidelines for Industry Codes of Practice, and a series of Chain of Responsibility booklets and podcasts are now available as part of our push to provide more information on CoR.

"There was a great turnout for the first of these sessions and future forums are also booking out fast.

"It's clear there's lots of interest in CoR and we want to make sure we're giving people all the information they need," he added.

The sessions were opened by NHVR CEO Sal Petrocchio and Queensland Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey (pictured below), who said this and future forums will support the changes passed through Queensland Parliament last December to improve safety outcomes and provide a stronger and more stable supply chain.

To make sure your business is ready for the changes please visit www.nhvr.gov.au/cor



Engagement with Councils

As usual it's been a busy fortnight for the stakeholder relations team.

The imminent release of the NHVR Portal, Road Manager module, required NHVR staff to meet with councils in Central and North Queensland.

Partnering with LGAQ's Heavy Vehicle Liaison Officer, key information on the Portal's functionality was presented at the quarterly Regional Roads and Transport Group prior to the activation sessions in April.

The NHVR is also working with the Outback Regional Roads Group in Queensland to facilitate a dedicated workshop to help staff understand the HVNL.

Planning is also well underway for the NHVR/LGAQ Local Government Heavy Vehicle Forum to be held in Townsville on 26 May.

In South Australia the NHVR held a Local Government webinar to provide SA councils with information on changes ahead of the return of Delegation. Another webinar for those who were unable to attend will be held shortly.

The NHVR will be attending the NSW Livestock conference on 31 March in Dubbo and look forward to meeting with industry.

In NSW, the NHVR is working with RMS and peak industry bodies to facilitate a number of heavy vehicle access workshops in South West NSW for all industry operators. Details will be in future editions of this newsletter.



Regards
John Gilbert,
OAM
Manager
Stakeholder
Relations

Industry and NHVR working together to boost crane access

The NHVR has started a program, in partnership with the Crane Industry Council of Australia and the Local Government Association of Queensland, to boost the road networks signed up to the National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Notice.

The Crane Industry Council's David White (Chalky) said that this joint approach had resulted in big gains in the road network covered by the SPV notice, cutting red tape for the construction industry and road managers.

"Most councils in Queensland have now signed up to the SPV Notice and we intend collaborating with more councils around Australia to further increase access for the crane industry," David said.

"The map of Queensland (below), shows how successful we've been, with the areas highlighted in green being regions that have already signed up to the notice."

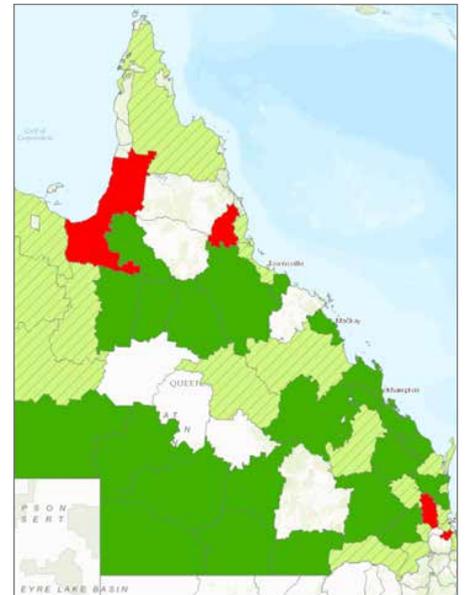
NHVR National Harmonisation Manager Matthew Bereni said developing national notices that councils can sign up to is the most efficient way to give access to the road network for agreed vehicle types or combinations.

"The work we are doing on the development of national notices will ultimately increase productivity and safety for the transport industry and wider community," he said.

The NHVR is currently working on four strategic notices:

- **A new National Higher Mass Limits (HML) Declaration:** This Declaration will replace transitional arrangements for HML operations in several states and territories.

- **An improved National Class 2 B-double Notice:** This notice will improve the consistency of B-double access and vehicle conditions nationally.
- **An improved National Class 2 Road Train Notice:** This notice will produce standard definitions and categorisation of road train configurations.
- **A new National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Notice:** This notice will replace a range of state agricultural notices, guidelines and Codes of Practice which are complex and inconsistent with regard to vehicle classification, imposed conditions, vehicle standards, mass and dimension requirements.



NHVR 2017 Meetings and Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION
28 March	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum *	Adelaide
29 March	NatRoad Regional Trucking Summit	Toowoomba
29 March	QTA Chain of Responsibility Forum	Brisbane
31 Mar - 1 Apr	Livestock, Bulk and Rural Carrier Association (LBCA) NSW Conference	Dubbo
5 April	QTA Chain of Responsibility Forum *	Dalby
6 April	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Melbourne
6 April	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Geelong
6 April	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Dandenong
7 April	NatRoad Regional Trucking Summit	Traralgon
10 April	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Coffs Harbour
6 May	SARTA Conference and Dinner	Adelaide
25 - 28 May	Brisbane International Truck Show	Brisbane

* For more information on up-coming Chain of Responsibility forums [click here](#)

Modifications (VSB6) Code

The NHVR recently joined with the CVIAA in Melbourne at the Modifications and Innovation conference organised by ARTSA in conjunction with the CVIAV and CVIAA to consult and gather feedback for the review of the Modifications (VSB6) Code.

Over 130 people attended and have since contributed to more than 300 pieces of feedback received.

Feedback is being reviewed with the final VSB6 to be released later this year.

Thank you to all those who took part in this event.

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