



Message from the CEO

Welcome to this fortnight's edition of *On the Road*. The agricultural industry in Australia is diverse and presents many opportunities for the NHVR.

Whether it is moving machinery along local or state roads, bringing produce from the farm gate or moving livestock interstate we are in regular discussion with industry about the right balance between productivity and safety.

I often receive questions about how the NHVR can improve productivity. These questions range from the differences between state-based harvest schemes, effluent management or pilot requirements, for example.

While we are committed to delivering certainty for industry with consistent guidelines, we are taking it one step at a time. My priority for the current year is to deliver four national notices to harmonise the movement of Class 1 agricultural vehicles and combinations, Class 2 road trains, Class 2 B-doubles and a single higher mass limit declaration.

I look forward to on-going discussions with the ag industry about how these and other programs can improve safety and their businesses.

Regards
Sal Petrocchio
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Supply chain support for new Chain of Responsibility laws

The NHVR has released 10 fact sheets for the 165,000 companies that make up Australia's heavy vehicle supply chain.

NHVR Manager, Chain of Responsibility Michael Crellin said the information will support businesses taking steps to deliver a safer road transport industry under new laws coming in mid 2018.

"These fact sheets provide specific information for roles such as consignees, consignors, loaders, packers, schedulers, executives and employers," Mick said.

"I'm pleased to have spoken to many companies that are now taking practical steps to ensure they meet the new laws in mid 2018.

"Whatever the role in the heavy vehicle supply chain, it's time to be proactive in managing risks that ensure safe transport operations are part of everyday business.

The NHVR information packs and NHVR forums will make it easier for duty holders to

understand and assess their risks, and know whether they are complying with the law.

Through the replacement of existing prescriptive obligations, the whole transport industry can benefit from a reduction of red tape and better apply risk management processes to focus on safety outcomes.

Companies that are unable to attend a forum can also view a new video outlining the changes.

"Although the changes are a year away, it's now time for businesses across the heavy vehicle supply chain to begin preparing their systems for managing safety," Mick said.

Earlier this year the NHVR released Guidelines for Industry Codes of Practice, and a series of Chain of Responsibility fact sheets and podcasts as part of a national effort to boost safety for all road users.

The new fact sheets and videos are available at www.nhvr.gov.au/cor



Come and say g'day to us at the 2017 Brisbane Truck Show



The NHVR will once again be present at the Brisbane Truck Show at the Brisbane Convention Centre from May 25-28.

The show attracts more than 300 exhibitors and up to 40,000 attendees, and will showcase the latest in heavy vehicles, technology, engineering and innovation.

Come and visit us at our stand in the Great Hall, where our team of qualified specialists will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about access, regulation, PBS or accreditation.

This year's show will also be an important stop for our national series of Chain of Responsibility forums.

We will be conducting a series of Chain of Responsibility information sessions upstairs at the venue during the show.

Dates and times are as follows. Book now on our website:

Thursday 25 May - 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Friday 26 May - two sessions:

- 12 noon - 2.00pm
- 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Saturday 27 May - two sessions:

- 11.00am - 1.00pm
- 1.00 - 5.00pm

John Gilbert
Manager, Stakeholder Relations

National Harmonisation - Delivering heavy vehicle productivity

The NHVR recognises the importance of national harmonisation for both heavy vehicle safety and productivity.

NHVR Harmonisation Manager Matthew Bereni said the role of the NHVR's National Harmonisation Program is to drive progress towards improving heavy vehicle regulation consistency on a national level while retaining the adaptability to respond to local requirements whenever required.

"The NHVR is currently working towards delivering four Notices for the heavy vehicle industry," Matt said.

"Benefits will include increased productivity, compliance and the sustainability of the road network, as well as safer roads and reduced environmental impacts."

National HML Declaration:

Our goal is to develop a single National Higher Mass Limits (HML) Declaration to authorise the operation of HML vehicles. The National HML Declaration aims to replace transitional arrangements for HML operations in several states and to enact the standard conditions for HML as per the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation.

National Class 2 B-double Notice:

This project consists of a comprehensive review and redesign of the existing National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle B-double Authorisation (Notice)

2014 aimed at improving the consistency of B-double access and vehicle conditions nationally. This project will also integrate existing state based B-double transitional notices into the new National Class 2 B-double Notice.

National Class 2 Road Train Notice:

Our objective is to conduct a comprehensive review and redesign of the existing National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle Road Train Authorisation (Notice) 2015. We aim to create a nationally harmonised notice by producing standard definitions and categorisation of road train configurations and improve the overall consistency of access and vehicle conditions.

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 inconsistent with regard to vehicle classification, imposed conditions, vehicle standards, mass and dimension requirements.

Delivering together

Consultation is occurring with peak industry associations as well as local and state road managers throughout the duration of these projects. In particular, engagement with road managers is instrumental in developing networks supporting our four national notices.



NHVR 2017 Meetings and Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION
11 May	NatRoad Chain of Responsibility Forum	Newcastle NSW
16 May	QTA/NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Townsville QLD
18 May	CTAA Chain of Responsibility Forum	Port of Brisbane
25 - 28 May	Brisbane International Truck Show/Chain of Responsibility Forums:	Brisbane
	Thursday 25 May - 1.30pm - 3.30pm	
	Friday 26 May - two sessions:	
	12 midday - 2.00pm, 2.30pm - 4.30pm	
	Saturday 27 May - two sessions:	
	11.00am - 1.00pm, 3.00pm - 5.00pm	

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

Notices and Updates

The following cotton related notices are now available on the NHVR website.

[C2017G00475, Heavy Vehicle National Law - Multi-State Class 3 Heavy Vehicle \(Cotton Transportation\) Dimension Exemption Notice 2017](#)

[C2017G00478, Heavy Vehicle National Law - New South Wales Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Notice 2017](#)

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