

Road Manager re-routing access requests

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to road managers when alternative routes can be recommended for heavy vehicle access requests. This document can be read in conjunction with the **Single Route and Area Information Sheet** published on the NHVR website.

The NHVR coordinates a range of road access applications from start to finish. This involves liaising directly with road managers, including state and territory road authorities and local governments.

By limiting applications to a single route or 'area of operation' will allow the NHVR to align permits to the operational requirements of operators, giving the best chance of a timely and favourable response from relevant Road Managers.

NHVR has classified route access in permit applications into two categories:

What is a single route?

A single route is defined as:

- A single course between two points; and
- The course may or may not include several drop off/way points.

What is an area?

An area is defined as:

- A system of roads incorporated within one Road Manager boundary; or
- A number of roads (continuous or off an approved network) within a single Road Manager boundary but may end in another Road Manager boundary; or
- A number of roads not off an approved network but continuous within a single Road Manager boundary.

This classification allows the NHVR to align permits to the operational requirements of operators, giving the best chance of a timely and favourable response from relevant road managers.

The **Approved Guidelines for Granting Access** states that a road manager should assess an application and grant access where possible. The use of conditions when granting access allows a road manager to mitigate any identified risk associated with the route requested.

Re-routing access requests

If a road manager identifies a particular section of a requested route where heavy vehicle access is not possible, road managers are encouraged to investigate the option of an alternative route.

Road managers can offer an alternative route providing that the substitute route does not impact on any other road managers, that is, the route is contained within that particular road manager's boundaries and authority to provide consent.

If there is no alternative route, then the road manager can refuse consent in accordance with section Part 4.7, Division 2, Section 156 (3) "*Deciding request for consent generally*" of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL).

Road managers must also take into account Part 4.7, Division 2, Section 172 "*Requirements for statement explaining adverse decision of road manager*" of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL).

Frequently Asked Questions

If the proposed alternative route affects another road manager, can I still recommend it?

No, on a single route application, if a road manager re-routes the proposed route that would now impact another road manager, then the original application must be refused. The proposed alternative route information will be passed on to the applicant for future applications.

Can a road manager refuse consent for a road contained in an area of operation?

Yes if a particular road contained in an area of operation is not suitable then the road manager can still approve the other roads requested within the application.

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