



Message from the CEO

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

Even though the number of heavy vehicle fatalities across Australia has declined in recent years, I firmly believe the toll can be further reduced and the downward trend needs to continue.

The NHVR recently announced that it would fast-track safety tools and information for heavy vehicle operators to identify where they can improve their safety systems.

This range of guidance and support tools, to be released in the coming months, will assist all heavy vehicle operators to improve safety, and will align with enhanced Chain of Responsibility laws, which will be introduced in mid 2018.

These changes will require the entire heavy vehicle supply chain to take responsibility for heavy vehicle safety.

Simple steps, such as a regular safety checklist for maintenance, mass, loading and fitness for duty, including fatigue, should be mandatory.

I welcome the ongoing efforts of all participating jurisdictions and the industry in prioritising heavy vehicle safety and working to further reduce the number of devastating deaths on our roads.

Regards, Sal Petrocchio
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

New process streamlines more PBS applications

The NHVR has extended its pre-advised design approval process to cover 80 per cent of new Performance Based Standards scheme design approval applications.

NHVR Chief Engineer Les Bruzsa said A-doubles, B-doubles and prime mover semi-trailer combinations would be added to the PBS scheme's simplified pre-advised design approval process.

"Following feedback from the heavy vehicle industry we have simplified and sped up the approval process for a range of common PBS scheme combinations," Les said.

"In March last year we started trialling pre-advised approvals for six-axle and seven-axle truck and dog combinations.

"Following the trial the NHVR and PBS Review Panel found the process was robust

and reduced design approval processing times by more than three weeks.

"I'm pleased that we are now able to extend the benefits to cover other common PBS combinations and look forward to seeing more high productivity vehicles operating across Australia."

During the trial period, the processing time for applications reduced from an average of 28 days per application to just three business days.

The PBS scheme, which has been in place across Australia for the past 10 years, provides approval of innovative and optimised vehicle designs for high productivity vehicles.

During 2016-17 the scheme continued to grow with 1,403 PBS combinations approved by the NHVR, which was a 23 per cent increase on the previous year.



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Portal tips and tricks available on free online webinar

Late last year, the NHVR began a series of free online webinars to discuss tips and tricks to get the most out of the NHVR Portal.

The first session focused on how to follow the progress of an application from start to finish, including:

- how to track your application
- what the case status means
- understanding requests for further information
- navigating the Help Centre.

The video of this webinar is now available on the Portal Help Centre at <https://help.nhvr.gov.au/cmp4/help-centre-customer/webinars-videos-training>

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A second webinar will be held on 13 February and will look at:

- how to manage your NHVR Portal account
- setting up your account
- managing Users & User Roles
- updating account information
- managing account level settings.

For more information or to register visit bit.ly/2DEOWEv

NHVR Truck Driver Information Day at Wacol

Do you have a question for the NHVR?

Join the NHVR and TMR for roadside information on 6 February 2018, from 6am to 3pm.

We'll be meeting at the corner of Campbell and Industrial Ave, Wacol.

Come and chat with our helpful staff about access, Chain of Responsibility or any other heavy vehicle queries.



The EWD consultation period has been extended until 9 February.

Visit www.nhvr.gov.au/ewd

Hurry. Still time to apply for safety grants

Time is running out to submit an application for funding for the NHVR's 2018-19 Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative program.

Applications will be open until 23 February 2018, with projects to be assessed and announced in May 2018.

NHVR's Executive Director Strategy & Stakeholder Relations Tanya McDonald said the program continues to support safety initiatives that benefit the heavy vehicle industry and the community.

"We want to hear from anyone who has a program, education, information materials or an idea to trial that can provide a tangible safety benefit," said Tanya.

"The uptake in previous rounds of the program has been extremely high and we're looking forward to receiving more innovative responses."

For more information visit www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi

Port of Bris access info

A-double road trains and Super B-double combinations are prohibited from using the Lucinda Drive Bridge.

Entry to and exit from Fisherman Islands should be via Port Drive.

The only exception allowed is when roadworks for the Port Drive Upgrade require Lucinda drive to become a one-way road to be used by all traffic to exit Fisherman Islands.

When this occurs, roadwork signs will direct traffic to exit the Port using Lucinda Drive. These directions override permits.

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