

Tasmanian heavy vehicle enforcement transfers to NHVR

From 2 July 2018, Tasmanian Department of State Growth Transport Inspectors will no longer provide heavy vehicle on-road compliance and enforcement services. Instead these will be provided by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR).

The NHVR's Safety and Compliance Officers in Tasmania will have the authority to stop heavy vehicles and check vehicle, operator and driver compliance with the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL). Officers will also be authorised to check for compliance with state-based laws, such as licensing, registration and traffic laws.

The NHVR's Safety and Compliance Officers will be easily recognisable by their distinctive uniforms, badges and vehicles.

What services will transition to the NHVR?

The NHVR will deliver:

- on-road education and compliance for drivers, operators and heavy vehicles, including mass, dimension, vehicle standards, load restraints, route compliance and driver fatigue
- investigation and prosecution of offences under the HVNL.

What services will remain with State Growth?

State Growth will continue to provide the following services:

- escorting Over-Size and Over-Mass vehicles
- passenger transport (taxi and bus) legislation compliance activities
- Written-off Vehicle Register (WOVR) light vehicle identity inspections.

Why is this happening?

The NHVR was established to be the single, national regulator of heavy vehicles in Australia. All Australian states and territories, with the exception of Western Australia and the Northern Territory, have adopted the HVNL as the single rule book for heavy vehicles to be administered by the NHVR. The transition of heavy vehicle regulatory services from states and territories to the NHVR will ensure a greater degree of consistency in approach towards heavy vehicle compliance and enforcement activities.

As the national regulator, the NHVR will provide nationally consistent training, enforcement methods and resources, and will undertake more complex chain of responsibility investigations.

Tasmania is the second state (after South Australia) where the NHVR is directly delivering heavy vehicle regulatory services.

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