Changes to issuing defect notices in Tasmania from 2 July 2018

From 2 July 2018, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) will take over the delivery of heavy vehicle regulatory services, including on-road compliance and enforcement services, from the Department of State Growth in Tasmania.

This will mean that, from this date, the Department of State Growth will no longer be responsible for checking heavy vehicle compliance and issuing defect notices to heavy vehicles that don't comply with vehicle standards. Instead, this role will be undertaken by authorised officers employed directly by the NHVR.

The NHVR will employ a Senior Safety and Compliance Officer and 10 Safety and Compliance Officers whose role will be to promote safety and check heavy vehicle operators' and drivers' compliance with the requirements of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), including vehicle standards.

These officers will be authorised under the HVNL to exercise a range of powers and, where necessary, issue sanctions to non-compliant heavy vehicles, operators and drivers, including issuing defect notices.

Officers will work across the state, with the NHVR's Tasmanian head office being located on Level 3, 23 Paterson Street, Launceston.

What else is changing with defect notices?

In addition to the change of issuer, from 2 July 2018 defect notices issued to operators of non-compliant heavy vehicles will be on a new NHVR form. While the form will look slightly different, the information it contains will remain largely unchanged.

The classification of defects and methods of clearance will not change.

Where do I send my cleared defect notice?

Send your cleared defect notice to the NHVR by either:

- scanning and emailing it to tasmania@nhvr.gov.au
- posting it to PO Box 1268, Launceston TAS 7250.

Who do I talk to about a defect notice?

To discuss a defect notice or obtain a copy of a previously issued notice, contact the NHVR at:

- tasmania@nhvr.gov.au
- 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487)
- PO Box 1268, Launceston TAS 7250.