

Drought means more trucks on roads

With drought declared in large parts of New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia, there may be more trucks on roads across regional areas to bring essential supplies to farming communities.

If you're a motorist

- **Patient drivers are safe drivers.** Trucks accelerate slowly as they have to move through 10 or more gears and weigh more than cars, so stay patient as they get up to speed.
- **Trucks need space.** Heavy vehicles need twice as much room to brake as a car. So give them plenty of space and don't cut too close in front.
- **It takes two to turn.** If a truck is turning, sit back and don't overtake. Trucks are allowed to (and need to) use two lanes when turning corners or going through roundabouts safely

If you're a heavy vehicle operator

- Do a daily heavy vehicle check.
- Make sure your truck is in a roadworthy condition.
- Check your load is properly restrained.
- Know your heavy vehicle journey.
- Don't drive distracted.
- Drive to the conditions and don't speed.

If you're applying for a drought relief permit

- Include the word '**DROUGHT**' in your permit application. When submitting an Access Application, make sure you put the word '**DROUGHT**' in your 'Create a new permit application – Reference' in the NHVR Portal so your application can be processed as a priority.

Create a new permit application ✕

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 DROUGHT - Joe Bloggs Transport - Narrabri NSW

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- Waived access fee – through the Drought Relief Access Permit scheme, the NHVR is waiving the \$73 per permit application fee to support farmers moving stock or produce to and from drought-declared properties.
 - A heavy vehicle operator would be eligible for the drought exemption if the property they are travelling to or from has been drought-declared or if the regional council or shire they are travelling to or from has been drought-declared.
 - The exemption applies to the transport of fodder freight, water cartage, stock or restocking freight and emergency water infrastructure.

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

