



## Message from the CEO

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

Much is happening to make Australia's heavy vehicle industry safer. The latest statistics from the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics give us cautious optimism for the future.

Heavy vehicle fatal crashes and resultant fatalities have reached record lows, with the fatal crash total, at 176 for the 12 months to June.

There were 191 fatalities from those crashes, which is under 200 for the first time. While it's an improvement, it's still a sad figure, highlighting just how much work is still needed to make roads safer for heavy vehicle drivers. Remember, even one death on our roads is one too many.

This downward trend demonstrates that the combined efforts of all of us in the heavy vehicle industry and supply chain are on the right track.

Keep working hard to make Australia's road network safer for everyone.

Regards,  
**Sal Petrocchio**  
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

## CoR sessions attract record crowds ahead of new laws

The NHVR's Chain of Responsibility (CoR) forums around the country are continuing with over 2220 people having already registered for the sessions.

NHVR's Chain of Responsibility Manager Kym Farquharson-Jones said there was great interest ahead of the amended CoR laws which will come into effect on 1 October.

"We have had excellent attendance at our forums throughout the country as the focus increases on CoR," Kym said.

"Although the laws will change, they will still only apply to activities that a person or business has control over and could influence. In other words no one will be liable for breaches they cannot control.

"If you are doing everything that is reasonably practicable to identify, assess, reduce and wherever possible, remove safety risks related to your transport activities, you are likely to be complying with the changed law.

"This approach is similar to the general duties provisions under existing workplace health and safety laws. The changes to the law will make it clear that every party in the supply chain has an on-going duty to ensure safe practices."

"We want to make sure that all sectors of the supply chain around the country have ample opportunity to be across the amended laws and make the necessary changes in their business in plenty of time."

Full details of remaining forums are [here](#).



# Chance to test Registration Module before final release

From 1 October 2018, heavy vehicle operators will be able to access details of their registered assets for free in the new Registration Module of the NHVR Portal. Operators will be able to:

- confirm that details recorded by jurisdictions align with their own records
- check registration changes and transfers have been processed correctly
- forecast registration renewals and costs
- download or print vehicle records to provide to other parties in the supply chain.

The NHVR is inviting operators to participate in a restricted release of the Registration Module as we complete final testing. Participants will use live production data to set up and view their own registration information.

We are asking operators to participate in an online training session where you will be guided in a practical demonstration and instruction on how to setup and view your registration data.

The next opportunity for participation will be on 31 August from 2.00-4.00pm (AEST).



The link for this online session will be provided to Portal users shortly before the session in an email. Operators can register their interest in participating in one of the sessions by clicking on the Eventbrite link below:

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nhvr-portal-registration-module-early-access-information-session-tickets-49281900491](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nhvr-portal-registration-module-early-access-information-session-tickets-49281900491)

In order to participate please make sure you:

- have registered an account on the NHVR Portal

- are set up as an Administrator of that account.

Victorian vehicle details will not be available in the Portal until 1 October 2018. Operators who only have vehicles registered in Victoria will not be eligible to participate in the restricted release.

NT registration records will not be in the portal. NT operators who have vehicles registered in other states will be able to use the Portal to view those records in other states.

## Have you registered for an upcoming CoR session yet?

The NHVR is holding Chain of Responsibility sessions around the country during September, including a new forum at Cloncurry on 20 September. Below are details of upcoming forums. To register for a session, or to see the full calendar, [click here](#).

Date	State	Location	Time	Venue and address
28 Aug	SA	Mt Gambier	1.30-2.30pm	The Main Corner Complex, 1 Bay Rd, Mt Gambier
11 Sept	VIC	Melbourne	1.30-2.30pm	Hoppers Crossing Plaza Tavern, 250 Heaths Rd, Hoppers Crossing
11 Sept	VIC	Melbourne	6.30-7.30pm	Dandenong Club, 1579 Heatherton Rd, Dandenong
12 Sept	SA	Adelaide	9.30-10.30am	Mawson Lakes Hotel & Function Centre, 10 Main St Mawson Lakes
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## Applying for Class 2 road train permits

When applying for a Class 2 road train permit via the NHVR Portal, it is important to choose the correct converter dolly configuration when building your vehicle.

A permit is required if you do not meet the requirements of a notice, or wish to operate off the gazetted network.

The NHVR has released an information sheet

outlining the situations where exchanging two and three axle converter dollies is allowed under a Class 2 road train permit.

Click [here](#) to download the document.

To apply for a new permit, go to: [www.service.nhvr.gov.au](http://www.service.nhvr.gov.au) and if not already registered, follow the prompts to set up an account.

## Portal tips

**Before applying for a permit, make sure you check for any relevant National or State notices.**

Certain vehicle types do not need to obtain a permit when operating under specific conditions.

For a copy of all Notices, [click here](#). You can access the Portal [here](#).



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