

# South Australia Class 1 Opal Mining Vehicle Dimension Exemption Notice 2019

## Background

South Australian heavy vehicle notices that transitioned on the commencement of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) in South Australia expired on 9 February 2019.

These notices have been redrafted to ensure that access to the South Australia road network is maintained and the conditions that apply to the operation of vehicles operating under the notice are consistent with the HVNL.

This information sheet outlines the remaking of the notice related to the operation of heavy vehicles and equipment used in opal mining in South Australia.

## Affected notice

A new notice titled **South Australia Class 1 Opal Mining Vehicle Dimension Exemption Notice 2019** has been developed to provide for operation of opal mining vehicles and machines that exceed maximum dimension limits allowed under the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation (MDL Regulation)*.

The new notice replaces the South Australia transitioned notice titled *Operation of Opal Mining Vehicles*.

## Eligible vehicles

Vehicles or machines eligible to operate under the new notice include:

- blowers
- noodling machines
- elevators
- prospecting drills.

## What's changed?

- Specifications in relation to warning signs, lights and flags that must be displayed by an oversize vehicle have been removed from the notice and instead operators must comply with the relevant parts of Schedule 8 of the MDL Regulation. This includes warning signs, lights and flags that were formerly in the notice.
- Updated requirements in relation to obtaining approval from third parties that manage utilities that

may be impacted by vehicles that are more than 5.7m metres high.

For further information and a list of third parties, see <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/third-party-approvals>.

- Removal of requirement to carry the notice.
- Minor amendments applied to reflect the NHVR's drafting style.

## What hasn't changed?

No changes have been made to access conditions, areas of use or vehicle standards.

Please note that the areas of operation for these vehicles and equipment include areas under the control of Aboriginal Land Councils and a permit may be required from the relevant Land Council to access Aboriginal Lands. See <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/third-party-approvals> for more information.

## Operator compliance responsibility

While the new notice is not required to be carried under the HVNL, operators are encouraged to read and become familiar with the document, as it is a legal requirement to comply with the conditions when operating under the notice.

## Contact the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI)

For clarification on any of the information outlined above, the DPTI Heavy Vehicle Access Policy and Reform team can be contacted by:

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