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## Ag notice boost for farmers and local communities

The *National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Notice* will end almost 50 years of complex regulation around the movement of agricultural vehicles on public roads.

NHVR's Executive Director Freight & Supply Chain Productivity Peter Caprioli said the draft Notice had been circulated to local councils to respond by 5 April.

"We're looking forward to receiving consent from road managers," Peter said.

"This Notice benefits both local communities and the agricultural businesses that are part of those communities.

"Farmers can go about their business more efficiently with the introduction of this Notice as it has several benefits.

"It reduces the complexity for cross-border movements, improves agricultural operations across farms and provides increased support for drought-affected communities.

"We've already cut red tape to make it easier for urgently needed hay to reach drought stricken farmers at a time of need and implementing this Notice will be another positive development to support and simplify life, for those in our agricultural sector.

"As most agricultural combinations move on local government controlled roads, the Notice has been put to local councils for their consent."

The *National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Mass and Dimension*

*Exemption Notice Operator's Guide*

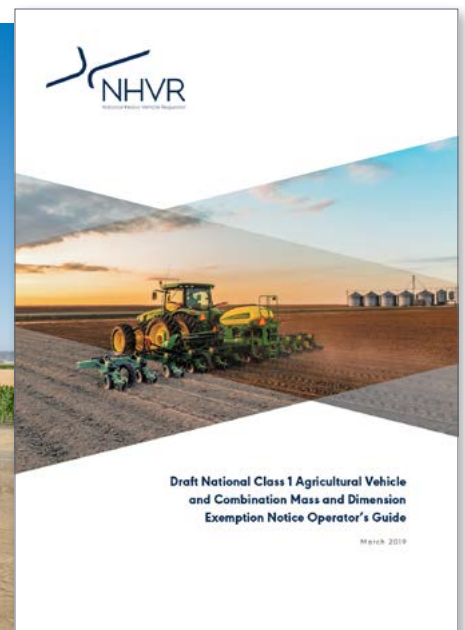
complements the Notice and can be found on the [NHVR website here](#).

The Guide includes jurisdiction and road manager requirements that are applicable to specific roads or areas.

The development of the Notice was based on research conducted by AustRoads on current and future agricultural vehicles.

An extensive consultation process with state authorities was followed and full support was gained. The National Farmers' Federation was also extensively consulted and they have also provided their full support of the Notice.

For more information visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/national-harmonisation-program/national-class-1-agricultural-vehicle-and-combination-notice](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/national-harmonisation-program/national-class-1-agricultural-vehicle-and-combination-notice).







## Portland demo day to feature B-Quad

Road managers can join operators, manufacturers and the NHVR in Portland, Victoria to view a diverse range of modern safer high-productivity vehicles administered under the Performance Based Standards (PBS) scheme.

NHVR's Chief Engineer Les Bruzsa and Manager Access Roger Garcia will deliver presentations on benefits of the PBS scheme,

PBS trends and PBS performance issues, as well as access related issues.

The Open Day on Thursday, 21 March at the Portland Aerodrome, Cashmore will allow local road managers to better understand options for their freight task.

NHVR Stakeholder Specialist Simone Reinertsen said the event will be one of biggest PBS demo days yet.

"At least 12 vehicles will be put through their paces in front of more than 60 people from councils all over Australia," Simone said.

"Councils will be able to talk directly to trucking industry representatives to get a better understanding of the capabilities of these vehicles.

"A number of councils are keen to explore how PBS vehicles can be part of major projects planned in their areas.

"The event is a great opportunity for cooperation between the NHVR, industry and road managers to make gains in productivity and safety."

Vehicles on show will include an impressive B-Quad, a new 42m B-triple, a 23m 3-axle truck and 5-axle dog trailer combination, a 26m A-Double tanker combination and a 30m A-Double combination capable of transporting two 40ft shipping containers.

The day will follow the success of earlier heavy vehicle demo days in Townsville, Bundaberg and Toowoomba.

For more information [click here](#).



## FREE webinar to cover new Portal features - 15 March

Don't miss the latest NHVR webinar covering all the latest features of the NHVR Portal release.

According to the NHVR's Business Integration Manager Todd Wellard the webinar will cover all of the new features included in release.

"This webinar will focus on the Access Module for road managers, particularly on further improvements to the conditions management functionality," Todd said.

Road Managers can now:

- add the same standard condition to multiple condition sets
- remove all conditions for a consent response in one action
- more easily track task completion in the Task Tracker.

"This positions road managers to solely use the conditions management functionality

and allows the NHVR to more efficiently produce a permit.

"To support this, we will be removing the ability to attach conditions documents or type non-standard conditions into a consent which will provide efficiencies for everyone in the process.

"We'll also be outlining what's coming up in future releases.

The NHVR is continually improving the way heavy vehicle permits are lodged, assessed and issued across the country, with updates to the NHVR Portal.

If you have questions about this session, please email [digital@nhvr.gov.au](mailto:digital@nhvr.gov.au)

If you can't make the webinar, all release webinars are available for viewing on the NHVR Portal Help Centre.

Register for this webinar [here](#).

