



Southern Cross Trailers B-quad



Message from the CEO

Welcome to this fortnight's edition of On the Road.

The review of the Heavy Vehicle National Law presents an important opportunity to shape our industry for the better. The NHVR strongly supports the review and is working closely with the National Transport Commission to provide input on the review process.

From our recent discussions with operators at the roadside and other events, the largest areas of discussion from industry are:

- Prescriptive fatigue regulations that don't necessarily deliver the required safety outcomes; and
- A slow and cumbersome access decision making process that doesn't recognise the benefits of safer and more productive vehicles.

Through this review process, everyone has the opportunity to be part of making our industry safer and more productive.

As part of the review, the NTC is releasing a number of issues papers. Making a submission to these papers is the best way to make sure your voice is heard.

Submissions are now open for the second paper on fatigue.

[Click here to make a submission.](#)

[Click here to read the NHVR's submission to the first issues paper on Risk Based Regulation.](#)

Sal Petrocchio
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Changes to Portal on the way

There are some significant improvements coming to the NHVR portal later this month which will allow customers to check their vehicle's registration at the same time as applying for access permits.

Business Improvement and Innovation Program Director David Carlisle said the upgrade would connect the data between the Portal's existing NHVR Access module and Registration module for the first time.

"From Wednesday 12 June, the NHVR Portal will provide additional functionality, linking vehicle configuration details and registration status between the two modules," David said.

"This will save time for customers and reduce the amount of data entry required by adding vehicle information from previously approved permits and display registration status."

To make use of the new functionality, users with administration permissions need to

activate the Registration module for their customer account.

Then within the permit application process, new buttons with 'Refresh Registrations' and 'Import from Registrations' allow users to import any available vehicle data.

David said the NHVR Portal currently process more than 55,000 heavy vehicle access applications a year.

"Later this year the NHVR will begin rolling out additional services to the NHVR Portal, including the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme, Vehicle Standards and Performance Based Standards."

The NHVR will conduct a webinar on Thursday, 13 June at 11am for operators to learn more about what's included in the latest NHVR Portal upgrade.

It's free. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)

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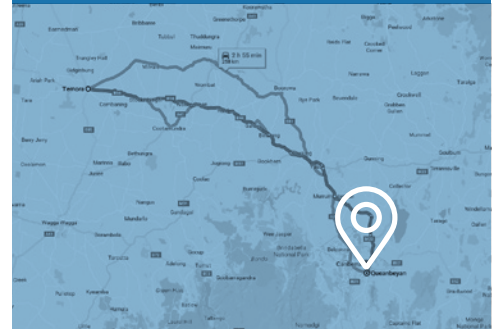


Route Planner becomes Portal's primary mapping tool

The NHVR Portal's Route Planner will replace the Journey Planner on Thursday 27 June 2019. Route Planner is an improved version of the previous tool that is contained within the NHVR Portal.

Access options on the Route Planner are updated more frequently, and also display road manager boundaries and map layers such as pre-approved routes. The update makes it easier to plan heavy vehicle journeys.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Launch of new B-Quad in South Australia

There was plenty of interest in Adelaide this week with the launch of Australia's second on-road Super B-Quad.

NHVR Chief Engineer Les Bruzsa said the new vehicle was a testament to the success of the PBS scheme.

"This new quad is extremely stable with fantastic manoeuvrability and excellent dynamic performance," Les said.

"Australia is again demonstrating that

we're leading the way - introducing new, safe, productive and efficient heavy vehicle combinations. There's nothing else like it around the world."

The B-Quad was developed by Southern Cross Trailers and operated by Symons Clark Logistics.

You can check out its performance on our [Facebook page here](#).

[Click here for more information on PBS.](#)

NHVR concludes saleyards review

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) has finalised a review of Improvement Notices issued to Forbes Shire Council and Dubbo Regional Council in relation to operations at the saleyards.

NHVR Executive Director Statutory Compliance Ray Hassall said that the NHVR had provided the councils with guidance about their responsibilities as Loading Managers under Chain of Responsibility legislation.

"Saleyards are an incredibly important part of our regional economies and we want to work with councils to ensure they remain productive," Ray said.

"However, we must also ensure we are keeping all road users and transport workers safe."



The review concluded that, in the circumstances, the requirement to install and operate a fixed weighing system goes beyond the scope of what is reasonably required under the HVNL.

The decision also instructs the councils to conduct routine compliance observations in order to ensure that top deck loading is done safely, including requiring stock agents to pay attention to the issue.

1 July changes under HVNL

A new financial year brings some minor changes to fees and penalties under the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

All penalties will increase by CPI and access charges will increase from \$73 to \$74, also in line with CPI.

More information on changes to penalties can be found at www.nhvr.gov.au/penalties.

More information on NHVR fees for 2019-20 can be found at www.nhvr.gov.au/fees.

Portal tip

Save time by using Case Tracker to check the status of your permit application. This is the same information the Call Centre views when answering your enquiries about the progress of an application.

ACT service transition

From 1 July 2019, the NHVR will provide heavy vehicle on-road compliance and enforcement services in the ACT as part of a nationally consistent approach.

You'll be able to spot our officers by their distinctive NHVR uniforms and vehicles.

[Click here for more information on the ACT transition.](#)



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