

NHVR Agriculture IOG Communique

8 April, 2016

NHVR update

The meeting was held at the NHVR offices in Newstead, Brisbane on Friday 8 April 2016.

It was officially opened by Executive Director Engagement and Partnerships, Karen Vohland.

Peter Caprioli, NHVR Director Access presented on NHVR agriculture access overview and Over Size Over Mass (OSOM) Notice discussions. The OSOM notice was reviewed with a handout circulated to the group which identified take up from states for the implementation of the Notice. It should be noted that Queensland Transport and Main Roads was yet to indicate their intent to take up the national notice.

A new national Class 1 Load carrying oversize Notice and Class 2, PBS Level 1 and 2A Truck and Dog Notice and Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Notice we due for release in coming months. Future reviews will include the Class 2 Road Train and B-double notice. Further work is being undertaken on the development and implementation of standard conditions for OSOM Permits and Agricultural vehicles.

It was noted by industry that most agricultural vehicles are over size not over mass.

Austrroads project FS2033 also noted future challenges of changing agricultural equipment. The importance of recognizing the current and future trends of agricultural vehicles was noted. For example, the increasing size of cotton harvesting equipment.

David Carlisle, Executive Director Access CONNECT presented an overview of the Customer portal including a live demonstration to the group. The three stages include, design, develop and deploy. We are currently in the development stage looking at deploying in May 2016.

The portal is a work in progress and version 2 will be released in the coming months.

Andreas Blahous, Fatigue Specialist of the NHVR gave an overview on fatigue. He informed the group that we will put together a fatigue risk management system. Additionally, we are looking at other templates. An action noted from this section of the meeting is to obtain guidance material to circulate to this group.

Michael Crellin, Manager Chain of Responsibility outlined the value of the Industry Codes of Practice highlighting the importance of working with the industry. The presentation highlighted the COR five pillars; Build, Expand, Broaden, Educate and Consolidate.

It was noted that as of 01 July 2016, a new set of set of guidelines for developing Codes of Practice will be distributed. It is intended that future codes developed under the guidelines will be available for all industry to access.

Lez Bruza, Chief Engineer of the NHVR presented to the group with a focus on swept paths and offered to anyone wanting to get a swept path assessment done to get in contact with him. He highlighted the importance of assessments on vehicles and showed an example of swept path assessment to the group.

Sal Petrocchio, CEO of the NHVR, joined the meeting and provided a quick overview noting that Roadworthiness was currently a topic of interest especially for farmers.

Sal said the NHVR recognizes the importance of timely access for the agricultural industry and some of the difficulties that the HVNL presents for the movement of agricultural machinery and is working closely with jurisdictions and councils to overcome these issues.

Next Meeting

The next meeting date and location was undecided however, is likely to take place in the second half of 2016. It was noted that some members of the group indicated a preference for the next meeting to be held at a location other than the NHVR office in Brisbane.