

Communiqué

NHVR OSOM Industry Operations Group

Tuesday 10 February 2015

The 3rd meeting of the NHVR OSOM Operators Group was held in Brisbane. The Group is the peak reference body for the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator for the OSOM industry it comprises representation from industry operators from across the heavy vehicle OSOM industry, and senior members of the NHVR.

LICENCING

A number of issues including addressing licencing in the HV OSOM sector around a decision taken by RMS for operators in NSW to have MC licence when most states only require an HC. Industry raised this and another example of states creating confusion with rules like this with no consultation as licencing does not come under the NHVR. The NHVR has given an undertaking to address this issue with jurisdictions.

ACCESS – PERMITS/OSOM ENVELOPE

It was highlighted that in some areas such as Tasmania - the Local Government (LG) process is crippling the industry in relation to turnaround times for permits. Representatives from Tasmania highlighted that in most cases LG is taking the full 28 days to process the permit. The NHVR has a process in place as part of AccessCONNECT to visit Tasmania and a meeting will be held with LG and Industry.

The IOG was presented the concept and progress of the OSOM Envelope. Some local issues were discussed, highlighting again that the Local Government are risk adverse and reluctant to accept responsibility.

AccessCONNECT Program

IOG was briefed on the involvement in an Industry portal so Industry could see the progress of their application. It was highlighted by representatives from Tasmania that this would not work there as the jurisdiction forwards the permits to the LG and the only answer you would receive is that the application is with the jurisdiction. The IOG discussed the need for CEOs of Associations and the Chair of the NHVR IOG to write a letter to all CEOs of councils outlining the need for cooperation and the effect the time delay in obtaining a permit is affecting industry.

The IOG agreed that as a follow up from this meeting the following outcomes would be addressed:

- The IOG discussed the need for CEOs of Associations and the Chair of the NHVR IOG to write a letter to all CEOs of councils outlining the need for cooperation and the effect the time delay in obtaining a permit is effecting industry The IOG agreed that as a follow up from this meeting the following outcomes would be addressed: NHVR will need to help facilitate the Local Government catch up.
- Feedback is required to ascertain the Councils/Shires that aren't performing (response within the 28 days).
- List of Councils that are performing well within the 28 day response.
- Industry Associations to write letters to the Councils/Shires stating that the NHVR is happy to support and advice on any issues regarding the turnaround.

MEMBERSHIP

The communique highlights key issues from the February 2015 meeting. This meeting was attended by representatives from industry operators from NSW, QLD, VIC, SA, TAS and NHVR staff representing the areas of Engagement & Partnership, Industry Engagement, Access CONNECT, Principal Engineer- Access.