

## Communique

### Fifth meeting of the Industry Reference Forum was held on 01 June, 2015 in Melbourne.

The Industry Reference Forum is a key reference group for the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator which comprises high level representation from peak bodies across the heavy vehicle industry, the CEO and senior members of the NHVR.

This communique highlights key issues from the June 2015 meeting. This meeting was attended by the CEO NHVR, Executive Director Engagement and Partnerships NHVR, Manager Industry and Stakeholder Engagement NHVR and representatives from peak bodies including ALC, ALRTA, ATA, CVIAA, NatRoad, QTA (by phone), VTA, SARTA and Chairs of the OSOM IOG and Crane IOG, the NTC were also in attendance for the first sessions of the meeting.

At this meeting, the IRF discussed and considered a number of issues including: the outcomes of the recent Transport and Infrastructure Council Meeting, NHVR Corporate Planning, National Registration, NHVR C & E workshop, NHVR Engagement, Communications and Research.

### Outcomes of the TIC meeting

- Funding and endorsement of NHVR corporate plan. Roadworthiness brought forward. RIS re roadworthiness. Registration paper endorsed.
- The NHVR will be strengthening the audit function for NHVAS.
- Finalise the decision RIS present to Ministers in August, final decisions in November. COR provisions to be discussed in May 2016.

NTC to review Chain of Responsibility (COR) and executive liability and COR obligations provision within the law – support for reform in both those areas. Key points as follows:

- Move towards making them performance based.
- Draft legislation to TIC in May 2016.
- The approach is to develop primary duties around safety.
- Reforms limited to existing parties and scope of the law.
- Clarifying obligations making sure they are based around safety; practical effective and have every chance of improving safety.

NTC to provide information to group on the following - road user charges – adopt the technical changes. New charges will be implemented. Outlined physical implications of implementing that decision.

### NHVR Strategic Planning

**There was a presentation and general discussion with regard to the NHVR's strategic planning approach.**

#### Key points included

- What is actually required re budget
- November discussion re Regulatory compliance.
- Gaining industry input and feedback
- Clarifying the impacts of 'Funding' not 'gifting' re NHVR budget.
- Timing of meetings to discuss and have input as appropriate.
- Outcome based platform – roles and opportunities for both the regulator and industry.
- Performance Based Standards.

### Feedback from the meeting of Senior Officials Group

#### Registration

Agreed set of questions to industry members to provide advice re the scope. Licensing discussion brought back to this group into the future.

## **Local Government**

The NHVR has had the opportunity to present at the National Roads and Transport conference. The NHVR has undertaken some high level engagement at the Mayor, CEO and GM level of some councils to address delays and processes within councils.

## **Updates from Sector Specific Operations Groups meetings**

- **Over size, Over Mass**

Route assessment fees

- **Crane**

Permit scheme – local government video on modern cranes and how they relate to day to day operation is soon to be completed.

Code of practice for cranes ie not divisible items – quantifying measurement area – define the tolerance band of what could be measured.

Lessons from crane dialogue could be taken and applied to other sectors.

- **Livestock**

Feedback and dialogue with individual senior members from NHVR has been positive

Key focus area Access and COR

Fatigue template coming together