

# Industry Reference Forum Communique

22 March, 2016

The seventh meeting of this forum was held at the NHVR offices, Gasworks in Newstead, in Brisbane on 22 March 2016.

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

This communique highlight the key point noted from the March 2016 meeting. This meeting was attended by both senior NHVR Executives including the CEO, and representatives from the heavy vehicle industry.

## NHVR update

Karen Vohland, ED Engagement and Partnerships officially opened the forum, welcoming the committee with introductions made around the table. This followed an overview of the agenda items including a minor change in the order of the items.

The group was then taken through a tour of the Access CONNECT Customer Portal given by John Barry of the NHVR and that the portal will give value back to road users.

The programme is broken into two compartments;

- System enhancement
- Permit process improvement

A number of questions were fielded around the portal in reference to its operation. David Carlisle informed the group that an update will be given at the next IRF meeting.

## Update from the CEO

CEO NHVR gave an update which included the following:

- Ministerial in May
- Currently working on NTC
- Michelle Clarke joined the NHVR as Executive Director of Business Services
- Positive interaction with our Southern states
- Changes in jurisdictions in NSW

Sal closed his section of the agenda but highlighting that 2016 is a very busy year and we are delivering our commitments and promises.

Executive Director of E&P briefed the meeting on the Local Government Queensland elections with a lot of new Mayors in Qld.

## COR Update

We have a five year plan and are currently in the first year of this plan.

Michael Crellin Manager of COR of the NHVR noted the four pillars:

- 1) Investigation manual
- 2) Investigation development
- 3) Launching industry education workshops (aiming towards the second half of this year)
- 4) Industry code of practice

This was followed and linked with an update of Code of Practice (COP). A discussion around the codes of practice took place and towards best practice (see attachment from meeting handout). The CEO of the NHVR aims to bring the police commissioners together by May 2016.

Codes of Practice are an important part of this process to provide guidance to the industry. New guidelines will be developed and linked to the NTC review; however the current existing codes are to be used until 30 June 2017.

Two further points highlight in this section of the meeting included:

- Codes need to be aligned with OH&S legislation
- Guidelines need to be robust (currently being worked on)

Geoff Casey, Executive Director Productivity Safety gave an update on EWD and noted that there has been no significant change and is currently working on the EWD policy.

This was followed by a discussion on Roadworthiness handout and the Safety Strategy which included an overview on the Safety Cycle (see handout). It was noted that the new safety strategy will go to the Board in April 2016.

ATA Centralised issues identification system was discussed referring to the ATA paper tabled to the meeting. Karen Vohland is to circulate the document along with responses to Bill by Friday 1 April.

The final item of the meeting offered an open forum. The group identified new staff members and Peter Caprioli, Executive Director Access, provided the group with a brief update on his area.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting has yet to be determined, although June 2016 was noted as a possibility to hold the next IRF.