

STATEMENT ON THE 18 MARCH 2024 MEETING OF THE HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW REFORM IMPLEMENTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

8 April 2024

The twelfth meeting of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) Reform Implementation Steering Committee meeting was held via MS Teams on Monday 18 March 2024.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

- Ms Sally Todd representing Mr Jim Betts, Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)
- Mr Scott Greenow representing Mr Josh Murray, Secretary, Transport for NSW (NSW)
- Mr Dennis Walsh representing Ms Sally Stannard, Director-General, Department of Transport and Main Roads (Queensland)
- Ms Denise McIntyre, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of State Growth (Tasmania).

The Steering Committee continues to receive independent advice from:

- Mr Ken Kanofski
- Ms Amy Crawford, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

Both the National Transport Commission (NTC) and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) were in attendance.

The Steering Committee noted good progress is being made on the complex legislative drafting process, with the first package of amendments remaining on track to be delivered to Ministers by the end of 2024. The Steering Committee noted the safer freight vehicle package (for wider vehicle widths) has passed through Queensland parliament, while the work on providing mass limit increases for vehicles compliant with Euro VI ADR 80/04 is now at the end of the regulations drafting process.

Work continues across jurisdictions on options to enhance risk-based enforcement of fatigue requirements under reform 3.5, with the Steering Committee noting these options

have been shared with the Reform Advisory Committee (RAC+) which includes heavy vehicle industry representatives.

The Steering Committee noted good progress is also being made on a number of non-legislative reforms, with the Steering Committee endorsing a set of refreshed milestones which will ensure a clear pathway to delivery for these reforms.

Progress on the non-legislative reform program includes delivering on the National Heavy Vehicle Access Framework for Heavy Vehicles, completing the National Automated Access System Implementation Plan and delivery of the Annual National Regulatory Forum.

The Steering Committee endorsed the Terms of Reference of the National Automated Access System (NAAS) Oversight Committee, with the sub-committee to provide oversight of the development of a single national system, reporting on progress regularly to the Steering Committee. The NAAS will provide road managers with the ability to make quicker, more consistent access decisions, and industry with a seamless customer experience and a road network more responsive to productivity needs.

The Steering Committee noted Queensland hosted a webinar on the NAAS with over 360 participants on 4 March, updating industry and other key stakeholders on the work underway in progressing the NAAS, as well as a live demonstration of Tasmania's Heavy Vehicle Access Management System (HVAMS) and an update on Queensland's proposed new Class 1 Vehicle Regime.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for 29 April 2024.