

# STATEMENT ON THE 16 FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING OF THE HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW REFORM IMPLEMENTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

8 April 2026

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Meeting 22 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) Reform Implementation Steering Committee (the Steering Committee) was held on Monday 16 February 2026.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

- Ms Sally Todd, Assistant Secretary, Land Transport Policy Branch, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (*Acting Chair*)
- Mr Andrew Mahon, Deputy Director-General, Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland
- Mr Scott Greenow, Executive Director, Freight, Transport for NSW
- Mr Ian Mond, Manager, Land Freight Systems, Freight Victoria, Department of Transport and Planning, Victoria
- Ms Emma Kokar, Executive Director, Transport Policy and Regulation, Department for Infrastructure and Transport, South Australia
- Ms Cynthia Heydon, Deputy Secretary, Department of State Growth, Tasmania
- Mr Robert Knight, Director, Policy, Transport and Infrastructure, Australian Local Government Association.

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

At the Infrastructure and Transport Senior Officials' Committee (ITSOC) meeting on 17 October 2025, it was agreed to transfer oversight of the National Automated Access System (NAAS) to a new dedicated NAAS Steering Committee, to strengthen governance arrangements for the NAAS. All matters relating to the NAAS are now addressed in this Steering Committee, with its first meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2026.

The Steering Committee received an update from the NHVR on the work underway to prepare for the amended HVNL, expected in mid-2026. The NHVR has a range of systems, processes and documents that require updating to accommodate the amended HVNL. The

Steering Committee is acutely aware of the need for the NHVR and industry participants to have sufficient time to transition to the amended law. The NHVR has commenced information sessions with industry, to promote awareness of the impending changes. Further information and updates are available on the NHVR's website at [HVNL reform implementation | NHVR](#).

The Steering Committee received a progress update from the NTC on the final legislative elements, to complete the package. The NTC commenced consultation with industry on the exposure draft of the Mass, Dimension and Loading (MDL) Regulation Amendment on 2 December 2025, with the consultation period ending on 19 January 2026. The Steering Committee noted the MDL amendments are on track for completion for a mid-2026 commencement, alongside the legislative package that passed the Queensland Parliament in November 2025. The amended MDL regulation will also incorporate amended drafting to give full effect to the policy intent of Ministers relating to Euro VI. The Steering Committee also discussed the NTC's progress report on the statutory instruments required to operationalise the amendment package. These include the Safety Management System Standard, the Ministerial Guidelines for Accreditation, the Ministerial Standard for Alternative Compliance Hours, and the National Audit Standard.

The NTC's draft forward work program (of future legislative care and maintenance) is subject to further work and due to be considered by the Steering Committee at its next meeting in May.

The Steering Committee noted that Ministers were to be updated on the implementation of non-legislative reform measures agreed by the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers Meeting in 2022. The update reports that most of these non-legislative reforms have either been delivered or are on track to be delivered by the end of 2026.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled to be held on 5 May 2026.