

STATEMENT ON THE 29 APRIL 2024 MEETING OF THE HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW REFORM IMPLEMENTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

15 May 2024

The thirteenth meeting of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) Reform Implementation Steering Committee meeting was held via MS Teams on Monday 29 April 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)
- 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 progress continues on the legislative drafting process, with the HVNL reform package on track to meet the December 2024 target. Final consultation with jurisdictions will settle the detail of options for changes to HVNL regulations around driver fatigue, access and accreditation—anticipating the Decision Regulation Impact Statement will be considered by Infrastructure and Transport Ministers in June.

The Steering Committee noted the regulations to provide mass limit increases for vehicles compliant with Euro VI ADR 80/40 were provided to Ministers in late April for approval, with regulations to commence on 1 November 2024 if approved.

The Steering Committee noted the majority of non-legislative reforms are on track, including final pre-production testing of version 3 of Tasmania's Heavy Vehicle Access Management System. The Commonwealth is providing funding to enable the Tasmanian project team to complete preparation for the release of version 3 in Tasmania, Queensland and NSW, which will form the basis of a national automated access system to replace the need for most permit applications.

The Steering Committee noted the planned arrangements for Phase 3 of the Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project, with the focus on ensuring asset assessments are prioritised according to the data required for a national automated access system. This will assist local government road managers to undertake capacity assessments of assets on key routes for heavy vehicles.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for 17 June 2024.