

STATEMENT ON THE 5 NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING OF THE HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW REFORM IMPLEMENTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

1 December 2025

The Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) Reform Implementation Steering Committee (the Steering Committee) was held on Wednesday, 5 November 2025.

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 Praveen Reddy, Executive Director, 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.

The Steering Committee continues to receive independent advice from Mr Ken Kanofski.

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

The National Automated Access System Technical Advisory Group (NAAS-TAG) provided a full update to the Steering Committee.

On October 17, 2025, the plan and budget for Phase 2 of the NAAS was approved by the Infrastructure and Transport Senior Officer's Committee, which has provided a solid foundation for the next three years of work. The Committee discussed governance arrangements for Phase 2 of the NAAS, agreeing the project would require its own Steering

Committee to aid in the oversight of the rollout. NAAS Phase 1 continues with planned releases in Queensland and Tasmania, with hosting arrangements transferring from Tasmania to Queensland as the project moves into Phase 2.

The Steering Committee received an update from the NHVR in relation to the program of work being undertaken to support the implementation of the amended Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL). The NTC and NHVR are working together to finalise statutory instruments required to operationalise the amended HVNL. Consultation on the Safety Management System (SMS) standard, Ministerial Guidelines for Heavy Vehicle Accreditation, the National Audit Standard (NAS) and the Ministerial Standard for Fatigue Alternative Compliance, opened on 31 October and will close 1 December 2025.

The Steering Committee received a progress update from the NTC, including that the amended HVNL Bill had been endorsed by the relevant parliamentary committee, which has since been passed through the Queensland Parliament on 18 November 2025. The NTC continues to work on the remaining outstanding elements of the legislative package. The NTC is continuing work alongside jurisdictions, supported by technical input and safety analysis from the NHVR, on progressing amendments to the Heavy Vehicle Mass, Dimension and Loading (MDL) National Regulations. The amended MDL is being prepared to commence alongside the amended law, in 2026.

The Steering Committee discussed progress in delivering the non-legislative reform work program. The Committee agreed to the NHVR's proposal that any further work to provide more streamlined road access for PBS vehicles be done as part of business-as-usual, noting there are initiatives already implemented or scheduled for completion in 2026.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled to be held on 4 February 2026.