## VSB1 Focus Group Meeting

On 14 March 2019 the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cites held a Vehicle Standard Bulletin 1 (VSB 1) focus group meeting for light trailers at Mantra Bell City Melbourne. Around 50 industry and regulatory stakeholders were invited to attend a focus group, with 25 stakeholders attending the consultation.

The VSB 1 focus group provided an opportunity for the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments and industry to workshop the existing VSB 1 and suggest future improvements for arrangements under the new *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (the RVSA), commencing 10 December 2019. One of the key changes under the RVSA is that trailers must comply with the Australian Design Rules (ADRs), rather than VSB 1.  However, the Department intends to continue to use VSB 1 to provide an easy to use version of ADR requirements, as well as guidance on better practice. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation presented (Attachment A) and the focus groups action items (Attachment B) are attached.

The Department would like to advise the next step for the proposed revision to VSB 1 (Revision 6) will be the publication of a draft for comment. It is hoped this will be available in May 2019.

# Attachment A – VSB 1 Presentation

Click [this link](https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rvs/files/VSB1_focus_group_Final.pdf) or copy and paste the following into your web browser:

<https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rvs/files/VSB1_focus_group_Final.pdf>

# Attachment B – Action Items

1. Members to consider wording to define front-load space and its relationship to the rear overhang.

2. Members to provide any information or references that could assist in drafting/publishing a National Towing Guide.

3. The Department to consider options relating to a suggested towball weight that can be included in VSB 1 (Revision 6).

4. Further consultation is required with brake component manufacturers to assist with a drafting/publishing an interpretation of what comprises an ‘efficient trailer brake system’.

5. Overrun braking systems over 2.0t are to be excluded from the revised VSB 1.

6. NSW Centre for Road Safety to advise the current NSW requirement to fit a battery monitoring system for the breakaway braking system.

7. The Department to draft generic lighting layout drawings for the following trailer types:

• box trailer

• caravan

• car carrier

• horse float

• small and large boat trailers

• plant trailer

• camper trailers.

8. Members to further, develop an interpretation of ‘fit for purpose’ guidance.

9. Members to further, develop a Departmental position in relation to modifications prior to provision to end-users.