



Mobile ANPR cameras

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are ANPR cameras?

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras automatically detect the number plates of passing heavy vehicles. These devices, which all have ANPR technology built in, allow the NHVR to obtain information on the national heavy vehicle fleet to enhance our compliance activities and focus on potentially higher-risk operators, while increasing efficiency for compliant heavy vehicle drivers and making Australia's roads safer.

What ANPR devices have been obtained by the NHVR?

The NHVR has invested in the following ANPR camera devices:

- 7 roadside trailers
- 42 vehicle-mounted cameras

All devices have NHVR branding identifying them as belonging to the NHVR.

Where are the mobile ANPR cameras deployed?

Being mobile means the cameras can be moved and used in different locations. As part of the NHVR's risk-based approach to compliance, camera sites are identified within the busiest freight routes to maximise heavy vehicle monitoring capability. Devices are deployed by NHVR Safety and Compliance Officers (SCOs) in South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland and soon in New South Wales.

Why is the NHVR deploying mobile ANPR cameras?

The high-tech monitoring cameras boost heavy vehicle safety by encouraging safer practices on Australia's heavy vehicle routes and freight network, as well as allowing the NHVR to better understand the movement of heavy vehicles across the country. Using the cameras, the NHVR can better detect and interrupt potentially high-risk behaviour and unsafe practices by heavy vehicles on our roads, which helps focus our compliance and enforcement efforts.

Will these cameras be used to issue fines?

Fines will not be issued directly from camera capture, as occurs with cameras such as speed and red light cameras. However, as a result of a camera sighting, an NHVR SCO may intercept a heavy vehicle at a suitable location or undertake follow-up investigations and compliance activity, which could result in enforcement action being taken. If necessary, camera images and associated data may be used in prosecutions.

Do the cameras monitor light vehicles?

No, the NHVR does not capture light vehicles, and only detects the number plates of passing heavy vehicles.

Do the cameras detect speed, distraction (e.g., mobile phone use) or seatbelts?

Mobile ANPR cameras are not the same as speed cameras and are unable to result in a speeding fine. The cameras do not detect seatbelts, or distractions such as mobile phone use.

Do the cameras capture the driver of the vehicle?

The cameras are positioned in a way to avoid the driver of the vehicle being captured or able to be identified, in accordance with privacy legislation.

Is the deployment of mobile ANPR cameras legal?

Section 659 of the *Heavy Vehicle National Law* (HVNL) empowers the NHVR to monitor compliance with the law. The NHVR is focused on integrating new technology to enhance future learning and becoming a data, information and intelligence-led regulator. The NHVR has taken all required steps to deploy the devices in a safe and legal manner on public roads/areas, and all appropriate road manager permissions have been obtained.

The NHVR will operate all mobile ANPR camera devices in accordance with all the privacy legislative requirements of each state where the devices are being operated.

What happens to the footage?

Footage is retained in a secure data system and will be used by the NHVR to develop and inform on-road activities to increase road safety. The NHVR will retain the footage in accordance with the record retention requirements of each state in which it operates. All footage will be stored, accessed, and disposed of in accordance with the privacy and record-keeping legislation of each state where the devices are being operated.

Can a member of the public obtain a copy of the footage of their heavy vehicle taken by the camera?

To request access to information held by the NHVR, including ANPR camera footage, visit our [Right to Information page](#).

What sort of security does the trailer have?

The trailer has 24/7 CCTV and a proximity alert that activates and records footage if anyone comes within a certain distance of the device. In addition, the trailer also has GPS tracking that is activated if the device is moved without authorisation.

What if someone wants to report damage to the trailer?

Please notify the NHVR immediately via 13 NHVR (13 64 87).

Where can I find more information?

Please contact the NHVR via 13 NHVR (13 64 87).