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Welcome to the latest local government update for 2017.

It's been a busy start to the year. The imminent release of the NHVR Portal, Road Manager module required NHVR staff to meet with councils in Central and North Queensland.

Partnering with LGAQ's Heavy Vehicle Liaison Officer, key information on the Portal's functionality was presented at the quarterly Regional Roads and Transport group. Activation sessions followed in April.

The NHVR is also working with the Outback Regional Roads Group in Queensland to facilitate a dedicated workshop to help staff understand the HVNL.

In South Australia the NHVR held a Local Government webinar to provide SA councils with information on changes ahead of the return of Delegation. A further webinar is planned.

In NSW, the NHVR is working with RMS and peak industry bodies to facilitate a number of heavy vehicle access workshops in South West NSW for all industry operators. Details will be in future editions of this newsletter.

NHVR working on harmonisation of notices to increase access

The NHVR is currently working on harmonising the conditions applicable to road trains, b-doubles and vehicles operating at higher mass limits, as well as working on consolidating a number of notices that may require changes.

When existing conditions or routes change, the NHVR is required under the law to seek consent from road managers for heavy vehicle

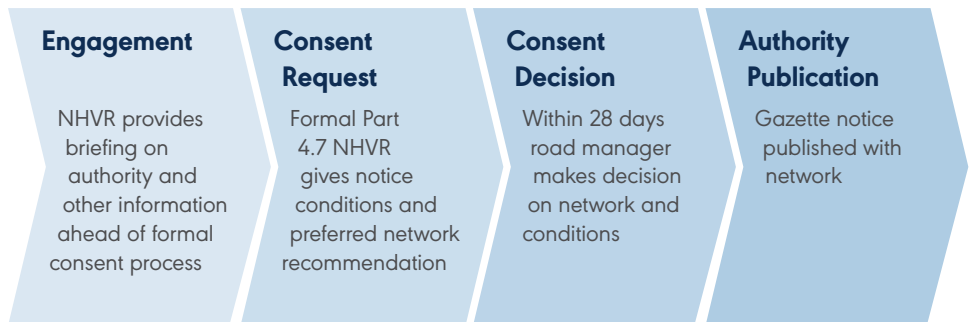
access. Under the Heavy Vehicle National Law road managers are responsible for providing (or refusing) consent for heavy vehicles wishing to operate on their roads.

In the coming months therefore, an increase in consent requests to relevant road managers may occur.

Ultimately, greater harmonisation will provide road managers and industry greater opportunities for safety and productivity, through a road access approach that is fair and transparent.

The diagram below shows the general process for road manager consent to a mass or dimension authority. More information will be available soon on our website.

General Process for Road Manager Consent to a Mass or Dimension Authority



Chain of Responsibility Forums

New Chain of Responsibility laws are coming in mid 2018. These laws affect not just drivers and operators, but everyone in the supply chain, including fleet managers.

For more information or to register for a forum visit www.nhvr.gov.au/cor



LGAQ, industry and NHVR jointly boost crane access

A joint collaboration between the Local Government Association of Queensland, the Crane Industry Council of Australia and the NHVR to boost the number of road networks signed up to the National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Notice has significantly reduced red tape.

NHVR Stakeholder Manager John Gilbert said that the targeted contact with councils by the NHVR, LGAQ and CICA to explain the benefits to the Special Purpose Vehicle Notice has more than doubled the number of Queensland councils signed up.

"This has greatly reduced the need for permits across Queensland, saving councils and the industries in their communities both time and money," added John.

Most councils in Queensland have now signed up to the SPV Notice with further plans for this to be extended nationally. The map of Queensland (pictured), shows regions highlighted in green that have already signed up to the crane notice.

NHVR National Harmonisation Manager Matthew Bereni said developing national notices for councils is the most efficient way to give access to the road network for agreed vehicle types or combinations.

"The work we are doing on the development of national notices will ultimately increase productivity and safety for the transport industry and wider community," he said.

The NHVR is currently working on four strategic notices:

- A new National Higher Mass Limits (HML) Declaration: This Declaration will replace



transitional arrangements for HML operations in several states and territories.

- An improved National Class 2 B-double Notice: This notice will improve the consistency of B-double access and vehicle conditions nationally.
- An improved National Class 2 Road Train Notice: This notice will produce standard definitions and categorisation of road train configurations.
- A new National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Notice: This notice will replace a range of state agricultural notices, guidelines and Codes of Practice.

If you haven't signed up to the SPV Notice yet, contact the NHVR.

Townsville Local Government heavy vehicle forum

The LGAQ and the NHVR are once again joining forces to deliver a second Queensland Forum in 2017.

This will be an opportunity for councils to come together and learn from peers and industry to work towards positive heavy vehicle access outcomes. It will also form part of the on-going consultation with councils to provide assistance and guidance in handling the increasing freight task on the local network.

Hear from other councils that have embraced their role under the Heavy Vehicle National Law by delivering expanded access for high productivity vehicles and cranes, efficient internal systems to turn around permits quicker, and infrastructure priorities.

[Register here.](#)

Heavy vehicle access meetings in Central Queensland

The NHVR, LGAQ and Queensland Trucking Association (QTA) will also be partnering to hold a series of Heavy Vehicle Access meetings in Central Queensland in early June. Key staff from Rockhampton, Banana, Central Highlands and Isaac Councils will meet with local transport operators to discuss priorities and issues for heavy vehicle access on council-owned roads. These meetings are based on the success of a similar meeting hosted by Mackay Regional Council late last year.

NHVR now to process Class 3 heavy vehicle permits within SA

Class 3 vehicle operators travelling within South Australia will now need to apply for permits through the NHVR Portal from 10 April 2017. Previously intra-state permit applications were made through the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) South Australia.

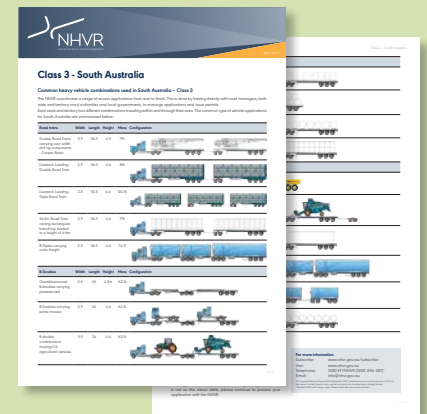
This will apply to any vehicle exceeding mass and dimension regulations that falls into the Class 3 category.

To apply for a Class 3 heavy vehicle permit, you will need to lodge the application with the NHVR. Applications can be lodged using the NHVR Portal. More information can be found [here](#).

To access the NHVR Portal, log on to: www.service.nhvr.gov.au.

Thank you to the DPTI and the South Australian Road Transport Association for their assistance in formalising this arrangement.

For more information on the change to permit processing, contact Annette Finch, Project Director by emailing annette.finch@nhvr.gov.au, or calling 1300 696 487.



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