



## Message from the CEO

Welcome to this edition of *On the Road*.

The ability for the NHVR to engage with the heavy vehicle industry about issues and opportunities to improve safety and productivity is something I value highly.

Our engagement activities include forums, conferences and workshops attended or hosted by the NHVR. We also receive feedback through media, social media, digital platforms and contact directly to our staff every day.

However some of our most valuable feedback comes when we speak directly with drivers and operators at the roadside.

We recently joined with Transport and Main Roads in Queensland at Truckie Toolbox Talks, at Gatton and Chevallum.

We'll be back out on the roadside for an NHVR Truckie Information Day on September 7 at Bowna Rest Area on the Hume Highway, north of Albury and more events are planned for October.

I'd encourage any operator or driver in the area to drop by for a chat, a sausage and a coffee.

Give us your opinions or ask a question of our staff. These events are about sharing information with the NHVR, and in this case RMS and VicRoads. They are not about enforcement.

Regards Sal Petrocchio  
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

# VSB6 changes to take effect from September 1

The new *Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6: National Code of Practice for Heavy Vehicle Modifications* (VSB6) will take effect from September 1.

NHVR Vehicle Safety and Performance Manager Peter Austin said all heavy vehicle operators, manufacturers and industry need to be aware of the changes when modifying a vehicle with changes applying from Friday.

"VSB6 provides a single national technical standard that ensures modified heavy vehicles are safe and that they comply with relevant Australian Design Rules and in-service vehicle standards regulations," Peter said.

"In addition the Bulletin now has a supporting *VSB6 Change Table* outlining all major changes made in version 3.0.

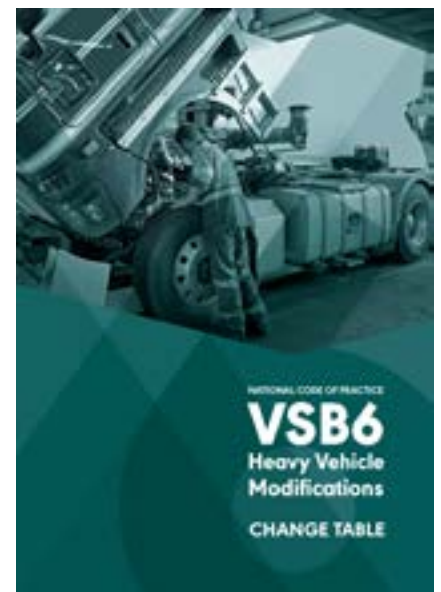
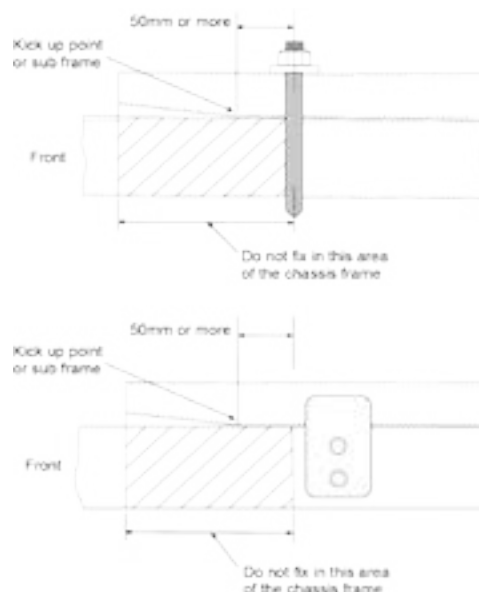
"A major change is considered to be the interchange of a requirement with a recommendation or vice versa, an addition or removal or a requirement or recommendation."

Peter said additional materials such as extra podcasts had been prepared to support the industry.

"A series of podcasts that further outline the changes in the VSB6 can be [found here](#).

"We will be producing further supporting materials as required by the heavy vehicle industry."

[For more information visit the VSB6 web page here.](#)



# ACT Class 1 applications return to NHVR

The NHVR and Roads ACT have partnered to return heavy vehicle permit processing to the NHVR from today.

The NHVR will process all heavy vehicle permit applications that were previously processed by Roads ACT for travel in the ACT.

This will complete the return of permit processing from the ACT and the NHVR for all heavy vehicle permit applications for Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 vehicles.

To apply for a permit from 28 August, operators will need to lodge applications with the NHVR.

Applications can be lodged using the NHVR Portal.

For more information read the ACT change to [Class 1 permits fact sheet here](#).

To access the NHVR Portal to submit an access permit application go to [www.service.nhvr.gov.au](http://www.service.nhvr.gov.au)



## Extension of existing Industry Codes

NHVR has agreed to extend the Interim Guidelines for Industry Codes of Practice to align with the introduction of new Chain of Responsibility laws.

The six transitional codes registered under the Interim guidelines were due to expire on January 29, 2018.

Unless replaced by a code of practice registered under the new guidelines, they will now continue in place until the commencement of the Chain of Responsibility primary duties amendments to the HVNL, expected in mid-2018.

The six existing codes are:

- Heavy Vehicle Transport Off-Farm Grain Carriers' Code of Practice (SA)
- Australian Steel Industry Logistics Safety Code of Practice (Vic)
- National Logistics Safety Code of Practice (Vic)
- Refrigerated Warehouse Transport Association of Australian Chain of Responsibility Code of Practice (Vic)
- Retail Logistics Supply Chain Code of Practice
- Trucksafe Operator Business Rules and Code of Conduct.

## Security guidance for drivers and operators

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development has developed a Security Guide for Truck Drivers and Operators, in response to the use of trucks in attacks on crowded places overseas.

The information will assist drivers and owner operators with some practical security guidance.

### What does it mean for you?

Terrorist groups continue to encourage the use of vehicles in attacks in Australia and around the world.

This guide provides practical security advice to the trucking industry to help you and your business prevent your vehicle being used in attacks.

Law enforcement agencies are working hard to prevent attacks. Securing vehicles and having a better understanding of security will make a valuable contribution to these efforts.

### Why are terrorists using commercial vehicles in attacks?

Vehicle attacks don't need a lot of planning.

Attacks can be carried out with little or no warning and can have a devastating impact.

Trucks and other commercial vehicles are easy to access. Terrorist groups have encouraged the theft, purchase, rental or borrowing of vehicles for use in attacks.

Attacks are usually aimed at crowds, trying to kill as many people as possible.

Most attacks overseas have involved vehicles driving into crowds, but terrorists are adapting and may do things differently next time. This potentially includes vehicle-born improvised explosive devices.

**Suspicious behaviour should be reported as soon as possible, every piece of information helps.**

- If you notice something that doesn't add up call the National Security Hotline on **1800 123 400**.
- To report a crime, or for general advice about local security and safety issues in your community, call your local police on **131 444** or Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.
- For police, fire or ambulance response to a life threatening emergency or if a crime is in progress, call **000**.

[Check out the information sheet here.](#)

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