



Message from the CEO

Welcome to this fortnight's edition of On the Road.

Over the past two years, the NHVR has coordinated five joint on-road operations focusing on heavy vehicle compliance and the sharing of interception data between jurisdictions.

The latest of these, Operation Spanner, was a joint operation between South Australian safety officers, authorised officers in NSW, VIC, QLD, ACT, TAS and WA as well as QLD and SA Police. The operation focused on conducting mechanical inspections nationally, with over 1,200 vehicles intercepted.

Authorised Officers working together across Australia is a shift towards greater consistency and compliance with harmonisation of working practices and procedures, ultimately leading to a safer and more productive heavy vehicle industry.

We acknowledge there is still much to do in this area but approaching compliance from a national perspective will bring a uniformity and consistency that will greatly simplify life for drivers and operators.

I'd like to wish you all a safe Easter break. Keep a look out for our Safety and Compliance Officers, and stay safe on the roads.

Regards, Sal Petrocchitto
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Industry reps put spotlight on safety

A meeting of key industry representatives was held at NHVR's Brisbane headquarters on 19 March to discuss safety management systems and how they will help to meet obligations under the new amendments to Chain of Responsibility laws.

According to NHVR's Director Safety Standards Greg Fill, the aim of the newly formed Safety Industry Operator Group (IOG) is to provide industry-specific guidance and views on a range of externally facing safety initiatives and products that NHVR plans to deliver in the near future.

"The first task for the Safety IOG is to review and comment on a suite of draft guides, templates and worked examples relating to the Regulator's Safety Management System (SMS) Guidance Initiative. NHVR is promoting the adoption and use of safety management systems by all industry participants, with guidance materials such as those reviewed by the IOG planned to be freely available on NHVR's website in the coming months.

"The group's members wholeheartedly support NHVR's planned Safety Management System Guidance initiative," said Greg.

"The first meeting also provided valuable comments and suggestions on how drafted materials can be further improved and relevant to industry members.

"It's essential to get this level of feedback to ensure the education and guidance materials we provide to industry over the coming months really hit the mark," he added.

During the meeting, discussion also centred on the role and tasks for the Safety IOG going forward.

"The group plans to have future face-to-face meetings on a quarterly basis but will continue to provide out-of-session reviews and feedback on the remaining materials being developed," added Greg.

The Safety IOG comprises representatives from Hopkins Bros, AgForce, NHVR, Coles, K&S Freighters, Daryl Dickenson Transport, National Road Transport Association, South Australian Road Transport Association and Cavanagh's Transport.

Greg also advised that the National Transport Insurance group (NTI) will be joining the Safety IOG.



SA heavy vehicle pre-approvals extended



The NHVR welcomes the extension of Adelaide's pre-approved heavy vehicle network providing access to an additional 27 kilometres from 19 March 2018.

NHVR Access Operations Supervisor Sean Pederick said the pre-approvals of 33 additional roads across Adelaide's northern and western suburbs would slash permit application times and allow the continued safe movement of heavy vehicles up to 30 metres in length.

"The extension of the pre-approval network will result in a further reduction in permit turnaround times for South Australia's oversize, overmass freight industry," Sean said.

"This is an important initiative for industry productivity, delivered by the NHVR, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and City of Port Adelaide-Enfield. I welcome the steps taken by the City of Port Adelaide Enfield and their willingness to work with the local heavy vehicle industry to deliver greater efficiency and productivity.

"Pre-approvals remove the need for individual road manager consents for agreed routes allowing the NHVR to approve low-risk applications, so road managers can focus resources on more complex applications."

Australia's heavy vehicle industry has 1,855 pre-approvals, including 268 in South Australia.

Walkely Heights-based LCL Heavy Haulage General Manager Grant Westbury also welcomed the steps by state and local road authorities to improve permit processing times.

"This is a good move for local business and good for the local economy, particularly in areas around the Port," he said.

"This is one of South Australia's major freight hubs, so it's important that governments, the NHVR and industry work together to reduce red tape where it is safe to do so."

Pre-approvals became effective on 19 March, and will remain in place for 12 months. OSOM operators are still required to apply for permits through the NHVR at www.service.nhvr.gov.au

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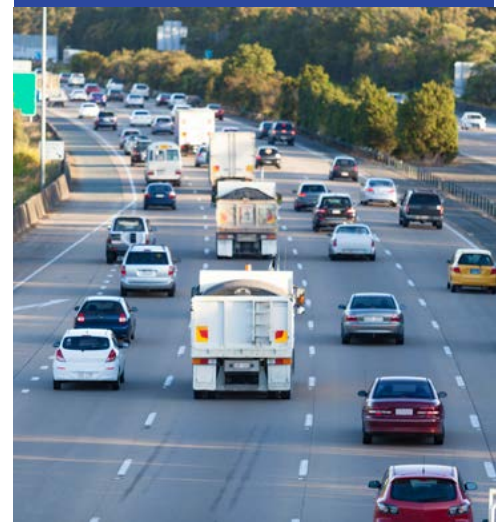
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Easter holiday restrictions

Note that Easter travel restrictions will apply in all states over Easter as per existing notices.

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Queensland Police Service Temporary Variation to Form 4 Escorting Arrangements

An amendment to Queensland Police Service (QPS) escorting arrangements will be in place for the duration of the Commonwealth Games, and up until 27 April 2018.

In short, transport operators will be able to conduct wide-load movements, not exceeding 5.5 metres in width and 35 metres length, by substituting QPS escorts with additional industry pilots and/or escorts. This temporary variation can only be accessed through a permit issued by Queensland Transport and

Main Roads or the NHVR as well as to QPS for Special Services as normal current procedure.

An information sheet with full details is available on the [NHVR website](#) or at:

- [Queensland Guideline for Excess Dimension \(Form 4\) Police Escort Amendment Notice 2018 \(No. 1\) \(PDF, 647KB\)](#)
- [QPS variation to escort arrangements during 2018 Commonwealth Games - Information sheet \(PDF, 166KB\)](#)



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