



Message from the CEO

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

I had the pleasure recently of attending the launch in Canberra of the Advanced Safe Truck Concept, an exciting project developed by the Monash University Accident Research Centre in conjunction with Seeing Machines and Ron Finemore Transport. This project brings together technology, research and operational expertise to develop an innovative driver state sensing concept for use in commercial vehicles.

After extensive simulator studies and trials, the collective knowledge will be used to define a safety concept that aims to enhance the operational performance of commercial vehicle drivers.

While it's still early days, this innovative three year project will go a long way to achieving the production of an advanced driver state sensing system which will ultimately improve road safety.

Heavy vehicle safety and productivity are evolving quickly and new technology and systems are a big part of that.

I'm looking forward to seeing the future benefits and outcomes for the heavy vehicle industry once this concept is fully developed. ([You can find out more about this project here](#)).

Regards,
Sal Petrocchio
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Survey to measure industry's safety management

The NHVR will use feedback from a new safety survey to measure how the industry manages safety and provide an update on preparations for changes to Chain of Responsibility laws later this year.

NHVR Productivity and Safety Executive Director Geoff Casey said the NHVR Industry Safety Survey results would also assist in informing the development of future education and guidance materials.

"A primary focus for the NHVR is the development of a regulatory framework which will support the heavy vehicle industry to take responsibility for managing their risks to deliver safety outcomes," Mr Casey said.

"As part of this process, the NHVR has engaged independent survey and research company Insync to provide an update into the way the heavy vehicle industry currently manages its safety responsibilities.

"No matter what your role in the heavy vehicle industry, we want to hear from you through the survey, which will take about 10 minutes to complete."

The survey was launched today and will close 9 May. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

[You can complete the survey here.](#)





Pre-advised PBS combinations extended

The NHVR has added additional PBS Truck and Dog combinations to the heavy vehicles classed for PBS pre-advised approval.

NHVR Chief Engineer Les Bruzsa said from today 3 or 4-axle truck and 5 or 6-axle dog combinations up to 26m long and 73t GCM will now qualify for the PBS pre-advised approval.

"This means additional PBS combination types can be assessed and receive a Design Approval by the NHVR without submitting the application to the PBS Review (PRP) Panel," Mr Bruzsa said.

"Since we conducted a trial of pre-advised design approvals in March 2017, we have been steadily adding combinations to now cover 85 per cent of all design approvals.

"This has reduced application processing times for applicable vehicle types from an average of four weeks to just three business days."

Other eligible combinations include:

- Level 1, 3 or 4-axle truck and 3 or 4-axle dog combinations up to 20m long and 50.5t GCM
- Level 2, 3 or 4-axle truck and 3 or 4-axle dog combinations up to 20m long and 62t GCM

- Level 1, prime mover and tri- or quad-axle semitrailer combinations up to 20m long and 50.5t GCM
- Level 1, B-doubles fitted with tandem or tri-axle groups up to 20m long and 50.5t GCM
- Level 2, B-doubles fitted with tandem or tri-axle groups up to 26m long and 68.5t GCM
- Level 2, A-doubles with single, tandem or tri-axle semitrailers and tandem or tri-axle dollies up to 30m long and 85t GCM
- Level 3, A-doubles up to 36.5m long and 95.5t GCM.

The PBS scheme, which has been in place across Australia for the past 10 years, provides approval for innovative and optimised vehicle designs of high productivity vehicles.

During 2016-17 the scheme continued to grow with 1416 PBS combinations approved by the NHVR, which was a 23 per cent increase on the previous year. Since being introduced in 2007 the scheme has seen over 6400 innovative combinations enter the heavy vehicle fleet.

For more information go to: www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/performance-based-standards

Portal tip – Forgot your password?

A common question from our Portal customers is 'Can the NHVR reset my password?'

Unfortunately we can't reset your password for you.

To reset your password click 'Forgot your Password?' on the Portal log on the page and a link will be sent to your associated email address for you to reset your password.

If the email doesn't appear in your regular inbox, be sure to check your junk mail tab.

Do you have a PBS vehicle and wish to operate at Tier 3 masses?

PBS Permit Applications – Tier 3 information sheet (PDF, 283KB) will outline the requirements when applying in the Portal.



Notices and Updates

National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice 2016 (No 1) Amendment Notice 2018 (No. 1) (PDF, 688KB)

Amends National Class 1 special purpose vehicle notice 2016 (no. 1) to apply an 80km/h speed restriction on articulated steering cranes (defined as pick and carry cranes) in those jurisdictions where such a restriction does not already exist. This notice commences 26 April 2018.

Victoria Class 1 Emergency Management Mass & Dimension Exemption Notice 2018 (No.1) (PDF, 645KB)

Exempts certain heavy vehicles from prescribed mass and dimension requirements so that they may participate in emergency management operations while under direction from Victorian emergency services. Replaces the Victoria Class 1 Emergency Management Mass & Dimension Exemption Notice 2017, and clarifies specifications regarding tire width in s15.

Width restrictions on Hume Highway for OSOM operators

Roads and Maritime Services advises that the next stage of pavement rehabilitation works on the Hume Highway south of Gundagai is commencing Monday 16 April 2018 and will be completed by the first week in June 2018. A contraflow will be in place for the duration of these works.

All OSOM operators over 3.5 metres in width are requested to contact the site a minimum of 48 hours prior to travel to ensure their load can travel safely through these works.

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