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## Message from the CEO

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

Summer in Australia means there are heavy vehicle operators negotiating bushfires and extreme heat in southern states or parked up to avoid flood in northern states.

Access for heavy vehicles in disaster-affected regions can be difficult, even with the assistance put in place by local road authorities.

I would urge all operators to carefully monitor the information provided and delay all non-essential travel to the affected areas. We want to make sure that all heavy vehicle operators are taking all possible steps to be safe during this time.

In the coming weeks there will be a major heavy vehicle task to support the recovery effort in parts of Tasmania and Queensland, in particular.

In Queensland a Flood Recovery Road Access Group has been established by Transport and Main Roads and Queensland Police to manage emergency and disaster heavy vehicle access to flood-affected areas.

For the full Information Bulletin visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/frag](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/frag)

**Sal Petrocitto**  
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

## More than 80 expiring transitional notices updated

The NHVR has updated more than 80 national and multi-state transitional access notices which are due to expire on 9 February 2019.

NHVR Freight and Supply Chain Productivity Executive Director Peter Caprioli said all expiring transitional notices have been reviewed and updated, however operators should be aware that the notice under which they are operating may be renamed or amended.

"We've conducted an extensive review of more than 80 notices in consultation with the states and territories which has allowed us to consolidate many into national or multi-state notices or incorporated into State HVNL notices," Mr Caprioli said.

"Importantly, there will be no changes to their current operating conditions, exemptions or access under the new notices.

"I would encourage all operators to continue to ensure they are familiar with the content of their notice or notices and comply with the conditions when operating under that notice."

A transitional notice is a gazetted notice with guidelines, exemptions and other legal instruments that were made under state and territory legislation prior to the start of the Heavy Vehicle National Law in 2014.

The new notices will take effect from 10 February.

A list of the expiring notices and their replacement is available on the NHVR website at [www.nhvr.gov.au/notices](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/notices)



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**HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW**  
New South Wales Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle and Combination Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1)

**1. Purpose**  
The purpose of this Notice is to exempt special purpose vehicles (SPVs) and SPV combinations from specified mass and dimension requirements, subject to compliance with the conditions and network restrictions in the Notice and the accompanying Operator's Guide.

Note: This Notice replaces Roads and Maritime Services Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice 2014.

**2. Authorising Provisions**  
This Notice is made under section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL).

**3. Title**  
This Notice may be cited as the New South Wales Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle and Combination Exemption Notice 2019.

**4. Commencement**  
This Notice commences on 7 February 2019.

**5. Expiry**  
This Notice expires on 6 February 2024.

**6. Definitions**  
1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as those defined in the HVNL.  
2) In this Notice:  
**Operator's Guide** means the New South Wales Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle and Combination Operator's Guide.  
**Special purpose vehicle combination** means a combination consisting of:  
a) a special purpose vehicle towing a trailer; or  
b) a prime mover towing a special purpose trailer; or  
c) a special purpose vehicle towing a special purpose trailer.  
**Mobile crane** means a heavy motor vehicle that is:  
a) equipped with a crane or other lifting device; and  
b) designed primarily for raising, moving and lowering a freely suspended load.

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## New VSB6 updates deliver benefits for operators

Two updates for the Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6 (VSB6), effective 1 February, will mean significant benefits for drivers and operators.

NHVR Manager Vehicle Safety and Performance Peter Austin said Version 3.1 introduces a new modification code for the fitting of non-standard rear wheels and a simplified in-service emission testing procedure for using portable emission-measuring systems (PEMS).

“The Modification Code D3 - Fitting of non-standard rear wheel components simplifies the certification process and allows Approved Vehicle Examiners to certify the modification without the need to apply to the NHVR like they did before.

“We developed it to meet the significant increase in the number of modification applications for the fitting of non-standard rear wheels to heavy vehicles.

“It covers the fitting of non-standard tyres and rims to heavy motor vehicle rear axles, heavy trailer rear axles and rear steerable axles,” he added.

The [Simplified Emissions Test Procedure - Portable Emissions Measurement System](#) offers an alternative, realistic approach to emissions testing which significantly reduces the time and cost associated with this type of testing.

More information about these testing requirements is available in Vehicle Standards Guide 28 (VSG28).

VSB6 is the national standard for the most common modifications made to heavy vehicles.

For information on becoming accredited to certify modifications to the new D3 modification code please contact your [state or territory transport authority](#).

## Look for the GREEN REFLECTORS

Informal truck rest area markings for a place to Rest, Revive, Survive



### Green reflectors provide safety benefits

The 3-2-1 green reflector project is providing tangible safety benefits by giving truckies somewhere safe to stop and rest while on the road.

Funded by the NHVR's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiatives program, this practical project was the idea of heavy vehicle safety advocate Rod Hannifey to provide green reflector markings as an alert on the run into informal truck bays along the Newell Highway and in parts of regional Queensland and Victoria, providing truckies with a safe place to stop and rest. [Watch the video to find out more here.](#)

NHVR funded projects like these are making a difference to the industry creating safety improvements.

To date, the program has invested nearly \$12 million in 32 projects in three rounds of funding.

Applications for round four funding opened in November last year and will close on 22 February 2019.

Visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi) to download the guidelines and submission forms.

Through the program the NHVR is working together with other safety-focused groups toward a common goal of providing meaningful, practical projects to influence the way people view safety and behave on our roads.

### NHVAS consultation sessions filling fast

Registrations for the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) information sessions beginning on 11 February are proving popular with most sessions in the major cities nearly full and keen interest in regional areas.

NHVR is proposing to align the NHVAS Standards and Business Rules with the recent changes to Chain of Responsibility laws and the introduction of safety management systems within the heavy vehicle industry.

NHVAS participants will have the opportunity to attend 13 information sessions across Australia, including regional areas, to find out about the proposed changes.

Consultation ends on March 31, 2019. You can book into an information session [here](#).

To find out more details about the information sessions, locations and times, proposed changes and Notice of Proposed Rule Making, go to [www.nhvr.gov.au/nhvas-review](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/nhvas-review)

### Feedback function for Portal users

A new “User Feedback” button located on the middle right of every view of the Portal is now available to give users an opportunity to provide feedback on the portal.

Portal users can rate your experience, select a specific area to provide direct comments to the NHVR and an option to be notified of any new features or improvements to your specific feedback.

We encourage all users to provide ideas and feedback on the Portal so we can make it more user-friendly for you. General feedback can be via the feedback form on the NHVR website.

For information on how to use the Feedback tool, see the related Help Article <https://help.nhvr.gov.au/cmp4/help-centre-customer/help-and-user-support/user-feedback>

How would you rate your experience?



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