

# Productivity Commission Draft Report backs improved safety outcomes

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The NHVR has welcomed the release of the Productivity Commission's Draft Report into National Transport Regulatory Reform.

NHVR Chair Duncan Gay said that the draft report highlighted the benefits that had already been achieved, while charting a path for improvement.

"We welcome the draft report and will continue to work with the Productivity Commission as they finalise their inquiry over the coming months," Mr Gay said.

"The draft report reinforces the key safety and productivity benefits that have already been enabled through the work of industry and the NHVR.

"Like the NHVR, the Productivity Commission, identifies that these benefits will be strengthened through improvements to the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) and increased cooperation between state and local governments.

"For example, enacting recommendations around reviewing derogations, reducing the prescriptive nature of fatigue legislation and expanding the number of freight routes covered by notices would reduce the burden on operators and support the role of the NHVR."

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocetto said that the NHVR would work with industry and regulatory partners to enable a reform agenda that supported continued improvement.

"We have a collective opportunity and responsibility, through the Productivity Commission Inquiry and the National Transport Commission review into the HVNL, to ensure that the outcomes of these critical pieces of work are aligned to deliver real and genuine change for the heavy vehicle industry and for our communities," Mr Petrocetto said.

"It is essential that the appropriate and not the fastest approach is adopted in delivering a new and modern law.

"The NHVR will continue to work with industry and every level of government to achieve the best safety outcomes for all road users and support productivity for the benefit of our whole economy."

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