

\$3.5 million in industry projects to improve heavy vehicle safety

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Fifteen industry-led projects will receive crucial funding as part of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's (NHVR) Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative (HVSI), supported by the Australian Government.

\$3.5 million will be invested into the projects through Round 7 of the HVSI program to improve heavy vehicle safety.

These heavy vehicle projects are created for industry, by industry, to make their workplace safer.

The Australian Government has invested in 132 HVSI projects over six years to progress a safer, more productive heavy vehicle industry.

For more information on the Australian Government's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative program, visit www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi

The Australian Government has also committed a further \$1.7 million to the NHVR to fund targeted projects to improve heavy vehicle safety, taking total commitment for HVSI projects to \$5.6 million in 2022-23.

Quotes attributable to Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King:

"Australia's freight task is expected to increase 80 per cent by 2030.

"To make Australia's roads safer for the growing transport and logistics sector, we have listened to what the industry said they need, and are supporting the safety projects that will make a real impact to their day-to-day operations."

Quotes attributable to Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Senator Carol Brown:

"The Australian Government is also investing in further driver training, including a road hazard program that helps new drivers navigate driving in different conditions, managing fatigue and the importance of conducting daily safety checks to ensure a heavy vehicle is roadworthy.

"Another project is a web-based calculator that can be used across multiple different heavy vehicle combinations, to instantly identify the risk of a heavy vehicle rolling over."

Quotes attributable to NHVR Chief Executive Officer Sal Petrocchio:

"Greater road safety outcomes can be achieved through collaboration with government, industry and the community.

"There are some exciting grassroots projects included in Round 7 that can create meaningful change across a local, regional and national level.

"I urge anyone who has a heavy vehicle safety project idea to get a head start on their application for Round 8 of the HVSI program, to contribute towards making Australia's roads safer for all users."

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