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Dear Mr Retter

Options for allowing 6 and 7 axle truck and trailer combinations at PBS mass limits

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 October 2014 to Dorte Ekelund, Director-General Environment and Planning Directorate and myself about the above matter. I am responding on behalf of the ACT Government. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

Having consulted with the directorate responsible for access decisions in the ACT, I offer the following comments:

The ACT has developed PBS Level 1 and 2 networks based on the network classification guidelines and as such the ACT PBS Level 1 network does not equate to the prescriptive general access network. The ACT PBS Level 1 network includes all arterial roads but does not include all feeder and lesser roads.

While the proposed combination masses will be acceptable on bridges rated at SM1600, there remain some concerns about bridges with a load rating less than SM1600. It is expected that Roads ACT will need to undertake some assessment on the PBS Level 1 and 2 networks to determine if additional mass limits will need to be imposed on parts of these networks.

I am advised that, dependent on resolution of the above, the adoption of blueprint 6 and 7 axle truck and dog combinations at the proposed axle and combination masses is likely to be acceptable on the ACT PBS Level 1 and 2 networks pending ministerial approval.

As with many higher productivity and PBS vehicles, "last mile" infrastructure constraints may require further route assessment and the application of additional mass restrictions on vehicles and combinations wishing to travel beyond the limits of the PBS networks.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Rod Paule,
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