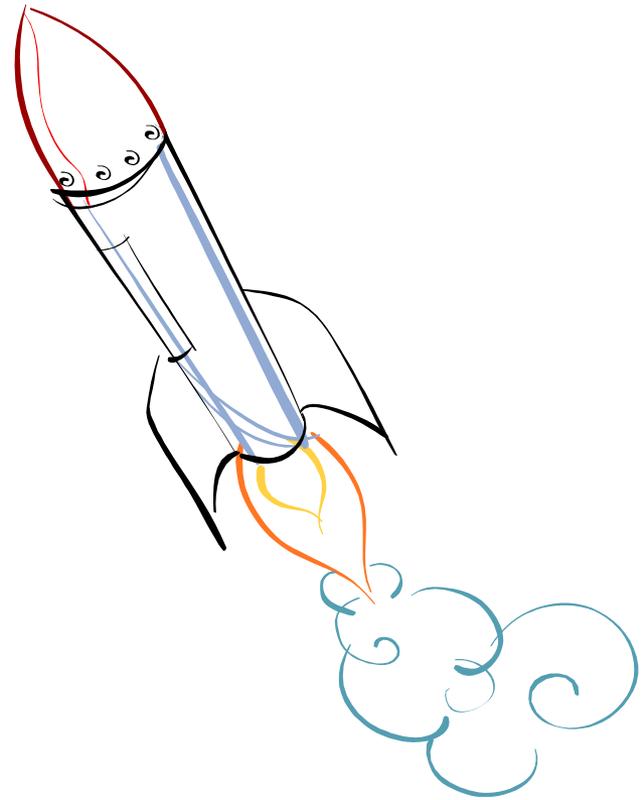


Regulatory reform: cutting red and green tape for a robust economy

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Only in America?

If you ever find yourself driving at night through rural parts of Pennsylvania, state law requires you to stop every mile to send up a rocket signal to clear any livestock!



About the NTC

The National Transport Commission (NTC) is an inter-governmental agency charged with improving the productivity, safety and environmental performance of Australia's road, rail and intermodal transport system.

Our work aims to:

1. Reduce costs for industry participants
2. Reduce deaths and injuries
3. Improve compliance outcomes
4. Introduce more effective and efficient regulation

How to create the 'right' regulations and avoid unnecessary red tape

- **Be innovative** - regulation is important but should only be imposed where it is deemed absolutely necessary
- **Remove inconsistencies** in policies across the country where they create a compliance burden
- **Develop a collaborative approach** with stakeholders from an early stage
- **Regular monitoring and review** of reforms is important to ensure best practice

Be innovative

National Road Safety Partnership Program

- Driven by industry – not one piece of red tape in sight!
- Help businesses cut the road toll through sharing information on proven ways to improve workplace road safety
- Work related road crashes account for almost half of all occupational fatalities in Australia and 15 percent of the road toll
- By keeping workplaces safer, we help keep everyone else on the roads safe too

Case study example

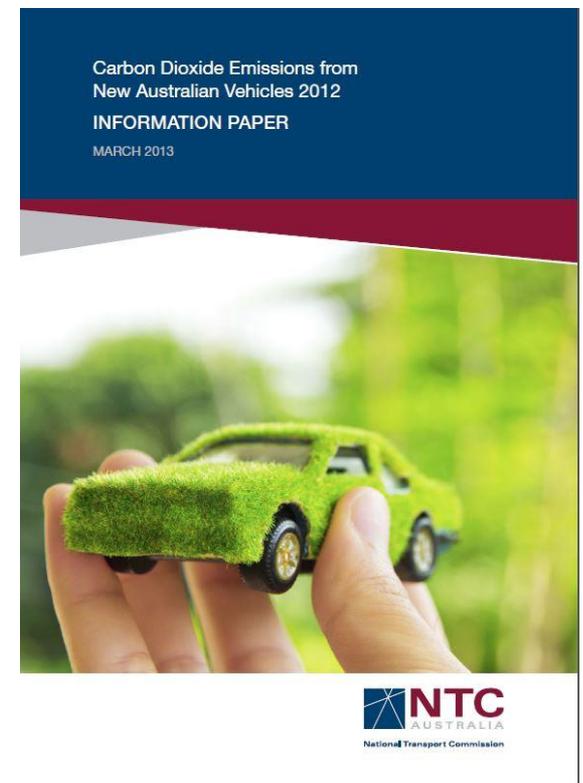
Blue Care – community nursing service

- Fleet of over 2000 cars
- Introduction of staff road safety education program:
 - 10% drop in staff at-fault crashes
 - 35% drop in failure-to-give-way accidents over three years
 - Insurance premiums dropped 3%



Information to influence and inform policy

- NTC has been reporting on carbon emissions from new light Australian vehicles since 2009
- Good data is important to allow for evidence based decision making
 - What's the problem we are trying to fix?



Reducing red tape through a national approach

Australian Logistics Council:

'Industry's commitment to achieving maximum freight efficiency is undermined by an inconsistent regulatory framework, red tape and a disconnected and incompatible supply chain.'

Reducing red tape through a national approach

- Different approaches to regulation in each state/territory creates duplication for industry
- National Heavy Vehicle Law and National Rail Safety Law
- National Framework for Heavy Vehicle Telematics to develop nationally agreed set of policy principles and data set
 - Support voluntary take up to ensure we can harness safety and productivity benefits without unnecessary red tape

How you develop reform is just as important as what you develop

- Governments need to embrace collaborative networks and partnerships to drive change
- Developing regulatory reform in a 'policy bubble' is how a lot of useless red tape comes about
- Transparency, understanding of stakeholder needs and common ownership of outcomes are essential to developing effective policy and legislation/regulation



Regular monitoring and review

Essential to ensure they keep up with best practice and remain relevant

NTC examples:

- Heavy Vehicle National Law
- Rail Safety National Law
- Australian Road Rules
- Australian Vehicle Standards Rules
- National Standard for Health Assessment of Rail Safety Workers
- Assessing Fitness to Drive – medical guidelines for private and commercial vehicle drivers
- Transport of Dangerous Goods Code (Road and Rail)
- Australian Defence Force Exemption Framework
- Load Restraint Guide

Future directions for NTC

- How to better understand the cost of compliance for the land transport industry
- Report, benchmark and analyse 'who moves what where' in Australia
- Business cases are being developed to thoroughly assess viability and gain support from stakeholders

Good laws and regulations help us achieve better outcomes for Australia. Bad ones hold us back.

The 'bad ones' usually have a few things in common:

- No consideration of alternatives – are new laws necessary?
- Developed in a 'policy bubble' with little effective consultation
- Not regularly monitored or reviewed to ensure they remain relevant

The National Transport Commission leads regulatory and operational reform nationally to meet the needs of transport users and the broader community for safe, efficient and sustainable land transport.

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