

Safety, Productivity and Compliance – the Future

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NTC Mission and Role

- **Mission:** *Champion and facilitate changes that improve productivity, safety and environmental outcomes*
- **By:** *Develop national regulatory and operational reform and implementation strategies for road, rail and intermodal transport*

Decisions by Transport and Infrastructure Council 23 May 2014

- **Productivity:** *One Tonne Mass Transfer Regulation - Agreed*
- **Safety:** *Compliance Framework for Heavy Vehicle Telematics - Agreed*
- **Safety:** *Policy settings and proposed amendments to HVNL regulations to allow for implementation of EWDs for fatigue related compliance purposes - Agreed*
- **Safety:** *Data collection to ensure future decisions related to fatigue management and associated legislation are evidence based - Agreed*

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- **Safety:** Independent Taskforce CoR Review Report Recommendations - Agreed
- **Safety:** Penalties Review Recommendations - Agreed

NTC 3 Year Work Program 2014/15 -2016/17

- Developed in partnership with our stakeholders
- Based on:
 - Strategic risks and opportunities
 - The current status of the transport system in terms of safety, productivity and environmental performance
 - The impact of recently implemented reforms

Heavy vehicle roadworthiness project – a safety and compliance focus

- A joint NTC/NHVR program
- Aim is to improve the level of heavy vehicle roadworthiness
- Identify the most effective means to ensure unsafe heavy vehicles are not allowed on our roads
- Aim is to provide recommendations to the Transport and Infrastructure Council in late 2014.

Improved Access for High Productivity Vehicles – a safety and productivity focus

- One of the great challenges - an increasing and changing freight task.
- Improved transport system planning, investment and charging is essential.
- More consistent “national” risk-based approaches to access related decision making needed.

Consistency of Compliance Related Activities

- Regulation of over dimensional vehicles
- Review and Update Load restraint Guide

Maintenance and review – a safety, productivity and compliance focus

- Continued review and amendments to HVNL and RSNL
- Continued review and amendments to Model legislation

Technology – a safety, productivity and compliance focus

- Future “in vehicle” and infrastructure based technology are significant opportunities to further improve safety and productivity outcomes for the transport industry.
- How to prepare for new technologies from a regulatory perspective is a key focus for NTC

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Proposed future work

- Utilising in-vehicle telematics to improve speed and roadworthiness compliance
- Use of electronic documentation for permits, exemptions
- Preparing for autonomous road and rail vehicles



Alternatives to regulation

- NTC is not focussed on creating **more** laws
- There are often other, more innovative ways to make transport safer and more productive and this will always be considered in the NTC's approach to reform work.
- National Road Safety Partnership Program
- www.nrspp.org.au

Importance of good data

- Good data is essential for evidence based decision making
- It helps us understand the problem we are trying to fix

Proposed future NTC work:

- *Better understand the costs of compliance for the land transport industry*
- *Report, benchmark and analyse 'who moves what freight where' in Australia.*

NTC's Work Program Focus

- The effective regular review and monitoring of current laws and regulations
- Ensuring we can harness the opportunities provided by technology
- Seek greater national consistency in access related decision making and other compliance activities
- Encourage industry to *want* to comply and giving them the ability to innovate to get better outcomes
- Ensuring we have adequate data to inform our policy directions and decisions.
- Support transport system planning, investment and charging

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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