

NTC indicative stakeholder engagement schedule

The NTC engagement activities occur over the lifecycle of each project, from refining issues which require resolution, to developing policy options which lead to a decision by Ministers or TISOC to refining the instruments of implementation to educative material to ensure consistent implementation. The table below classifies the types of stakeholder engagement and the indicative schedule planned to occur for projects on the NTC’s 2015-16 forward work program.

There are generally four phases for reform projects:

1. Exploratory phase (preliminary scoping) to define or refine issues or approaches;
2. Deliberative phase (public engagement) to consider stakeholder views on a range of feasible policy options/issues for the purpose of recommending those options which have positive net benefit;
3. Refinement phase (targeted engagement and engagement with government entities) – to seek views on/refine how policy decisions can be implemented which may be with a number of stakeholders or the implementation authorities only;
4. Educative phase (Information sharing) to ensure that there is a consistent understanding and application of issues being implemented.

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	Preliminary scoping – targeted informal engagement before issuing a discussion or issues paper to confirm issues or accuracy of information
	Public engagement – submission responses to set questions seeking detailed feedback before decision has been made
	Targeted engagement — informal responses to ensure actions/proposal is consistent with agreed policy decision and/or to assess implementation issues
	Engagement with government entities (eg jurisdictions or regulators) only - to seek views on implementation/workability of policy decisions

Project	Engagement type	Indicative dates
Compliance and technology		
Legislative chain of responsibility issues	Release of RIS & public consultation	February – April 2016
	Targeted consultation – on submissions and on implications of and practicability of proposed reform	June – July 2016
Enforcement approaches for speeding heavy vehicles	Consultation on Discussion Paper	March – May 2016
Preparation for more automated road and rail vehicles	Consultation on Issues Paper	February – mid-March
	Consultation on Discussion Paper	Late April- June 2016
Heavy vehicle pricing		
National transport productivity framework	Consultation on Discussion Paper	April – June 2016
Investigation of options to advance the heavy vehicle charging methodology	Consultation on Discussion Paper	May – July 2016

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Productivity, safety and environment		
Review of quad axle	Release of Discussion paper and public consultation	Late January - March 2016
	Analyse submissions and undertake targeted consultation	March - May 2016
Twin steer and tri-drive operations	Release of Discussion paper and public consultation	Late January - March 2016
	Analyse submission and undertake targeted consultation	March - May 2016
Case studies on access management decisions to support road managers	Investigating case studies and proposed methodology	October 2015-January 2016
	Release Issues paper and public consultation	May – August 2016
	Targeted consultation submission and findings	August - September 2016
Increasing allowed volume where mass is not the constraint	Preliminary scoping and identification of issues	October 2015 - January 2016
	Release of Issues paper and Public consultation	April – June 2016
	Release of Discussion paper and Public consultation	October – November 2016
Who Moves What Where		TBC
Routine maintenance		
Heavy Vehicle National Law maintenance sub-program	Maintenance meeting/s	~ May/June 2016
Rail Safety National Law maintenance sub-program	Major Project Fee	~ February 2016
	Routine amendment package:	
Australian Dangerous Goods Code maintenance sub-program	Working Group on Limited Quantities	January – April 2016
	Routine amendment package:	February – June 2016
Vehicle Standards sub-program	Amendment Package: targeted consultation	January – February 2016
	Maintenance meeting/s	~ May/June 2016
Assessing Fitness to Drive – Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers	Public consultation on Draft Guidelines and Explanatory Project	November 2015 – January 2016
National Standard for Health Assessment of Rail Safety Workers	Public consultation on Draft Standards and Draft Explanatory Report	June – August 2016
ADF Road Transport Exemption Framework sub-program	Consultation on amendment package –	February – March 2016
Review and update the Load Restraint Guide	Possible consultation on outcome of review of adequacy of forces – If recommending change	February – April 2016
	Maintenance meeting/s	~ February 2016
Strategy, monitoring and review		
Strategic planning and work program development	Draft strategic plan and work program	January- February 2016