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SUBMISSION: ASSURANCE MODELS



AUSTRALIAN TRUCK RULES IS A PROPOSED

MANDATORY AND ENFORCEABLE CODE OF PRACTICE AND ACCREDITATION SCHEME

- It would work in conjunction with Australian Road Rules and Australian Design Rules (to avoid duplication of measures already in place regarding vehicle design and operation).
- All Truck operators must meet the same **minimum requirements**
- **Participation is mandatory**, the code works as a **licence to operate a heavy vehicle**.
- Operators have to demonstrate that they have **the capacity and systems to manage the minimum requirements**.
- An example of a **minimum standards criteria**:
 1. **Daily Vehicle Checks** on all vehicles operating on any day
 2. **Fitness for Work (including fatigue)** declarations and checks on Drivers
 3. **Mass, Dimension and Loading** checks and records
 4. **Trip Scheduling** and Trip Record each day
 5. **Fault Recording & Repair** register
 6. **Vehicle Maintenance** schedule and register
 7. **Incident/Non-conformance** register
 8. **Training and Education** records
 9. **Quarterly Internal review** compliance reports
 10. **NHVR External Audit** every 3 years
- **NHVR to develop standards**, including specifications and procedural requirements.
- **NHVR is the certification body** and certifies that a Truck operator has systems in place to meet required standards.
- **NHVR appoints auditors** to scrutinise management systems to make sure that operators are meeting legislation, standards and other requirements.

"AN ENFORCEABLE AND MANDATORY CODE THAT SETS THE MINIMUM STANDARDS AND APPLIES NOT ONLY TO ALL OPERATORS, BUT TO ALL NAMED PARTIES IN THE CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY."

Yours sincerely,


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