

As a farmer, the requirement for recording all trips on a daily run sheets should not be necessary. Farmers often transport livestock and farming equipment 500m down the road and should not be required to keep a record of every vehicle movement. This is regulation overkill and bordering on invasion of privacy. Fatigue is a time related issue and not related to the weight of a vehicle. This requirement also doesn't take into account the fact that when vehicles are serviced by mechanics they also take the vehicle for a test drive. Does the mechanic need to complete the daily run sheet too? No one has been able to advise what the fine for not filling out the daily run sheets would be.

Many farmers would not be aware of this obligation and it needs to receive greater coverage in the media and industry publications such as The Weekly Times. If this record keeping requirement continues to exist under a new law there should be a primary producer exemption.