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Chief Executive Officer
National Transport Commission
Level 3, 600 Bourke Street,
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BIC Submission to: Improving Health Screening for Heavy Vehicle Drivers

The Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC) supports the submissions made by BIC in relation to the above NTC Review.

In summary QBIC and its members support the issues including

- Wishing to improve safety
- Recognising current driver shortages
- Workforce ageing population
- Adverse impacts to public transport if changes result in an accelerated and sudden change to driver workforce
- Lack of medical appointment particularly in rural and remote Queensland
- The inconsistency of National standards and GP assessments and action
- The delays in recruiting onboarding and managing complex health questions particularly for small rural business
- Cost impacts and contractual restraints for operators in relation to Government contracts

Sincerely,

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