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National Transport Commission Level 3, 600 Bourke Street Melbourne VIC 3000

**Dear National Transport Commission** 

The NSW EPA appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the "Improving Health Screening for Commercial Vehicle Drivers" discussion paper. We would like to express our support for Option C to improve the screening for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and sleep apnoea for both existing and new DG driver licensees every five years.

We recommend that any changes to the prescribed screening be incorporated into the standards outlined in the "Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers—Medical Standards for Licensing and Clinical Management Guidelines." This integration will ensure that the changes are automatically adopted under the DG Regulation.

In alignment with these updates, the EPA will revise its guidance material and forms to reflect the changes in the national guidelines. Specifically, we will update:

- 1. DG driver licence application general information
- 2. Medical fitness to drive assessment, which includes an applicant/driver questionnaire and a medical certificate completed by a registered medical practitioner.

Thank you for considering our feedback. We look forward to further discussions and the potential implementation of these important changes.

Yours sincerely <signature>

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