

HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2025

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Dear Mr McDonald

Call for submissions: Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill 2025

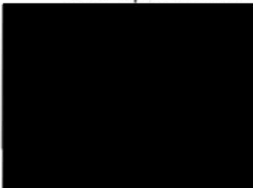
The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee (the Committee) on the *Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill 2025* (2025 Amendment Bill).

The NHVR supports the 2025 Amendment Bill and the work many people and organisations have undertaken over several years to get to this point. The NHVR wants to ensure these reforms deliver a safer, more productive, and less burdensome regulatory environment for Australia's heavy vehicle industry.

Of particular significance to the NHVR is the establishment of a general safety accreditation tier (based on a core safety management system) in the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS). This represents a meaningful shift in accreditation that should lift safety standards and ensure confidence in the robustness of the scheme for governments, industry, supply chain parties and the community. The changes to NHVAS will also allow the NHVR to be more responsive and develop accreditation options tailored to industry that are in line with changing business practices, advancing technology, and increasing sophistication of heavy vehicle operations.

The NHVR also considers that the introduction of a driver duty not to "drive if unfit" is a key improvement in addressing the importance of shared responsibility in the heavy vehicle road transport task. The duty encourages drivers to manage their health and fitness and empowers them to cease driving if they are unfit to continue for any reason. Likewise, it requires that supply chain parties must ensure their business practices do not cause or encourage the driver to drive whilst fatigued or unfit.

The NHVR is committed to working collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders in implementing and operationalising these important reforms.



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