

HVNL Review – Expert Panel

Meeting Record

Melbourne, 16 April 2019

Participants

Chair: Peter Harris

Members: Sharon Middleton, Andrew Ethell, Gary Mahon (dial-in), Gary Liddle, Louise Bilato (dial-in)

NTC: Paul Davies (dial-in), Tania Wilson, Jeff Potter (agenda item 4 only)

Apologies:

Agenda Items

1. Previous minutes, actions
 2. Update from expert panel members
 - Panel members noted that the risk-based regulation paper was released 29 March 2019. While members have had some preliminary discussions on the paper more are expected over the next 2-month consultation period.
 3. Update from the NTC on review progress
 - Panel members noted that TISOC approved the updated timeframe for the review and that the approach document has been re-published to reflect this.
 - Panel members also noted that the findings of the fatigue data research paper have been released and are available on the NTC website.
 4. Overview of effective fatigue management paper and safer vehicle paper
 - NTC provided a high-level overview of the content of effective fatigue management paper
 - **GUIDANCE NOTE 3.1:** The Panel indicated that aspirations for a new law should emphasise the need to connect legal requirements with managing fatigue and provide more detail on what a safety assurance model might look like. Consideration of how to provide a bridge between different jurisdictions' approach to safe working and the new HVNL should prove to be valuable. The paper should also indicate where specific significant issues (like accreditation) are going to be addressed in subsequent papers.
 - NTC provided an overview of the proposed structure for the safer vehicle paper. Members provided critical comment on the misuse of inspections processes and the poor process applied in issuing and clearing defect notices.
 - **GUIDANCE NOTE 3.2:** The Panel advised that the paper should be clear on what the problems are with the current law, what sits outside the law and what issues are associated with differing interpretations. Productivity should also be given clear and serious further consideration.
 5. Expert Panel advice to Council
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- The Panel will provide a short report to Council at their next meeting. NTC advised that reports to Council are due by the end of May.
 - **ACTION 3.1:** Members to provide the Chair with information for the Council report by 24 April
 - **ACTION 3.2:** The Chair to draft the Council report by end of April

6. Other business / next meeting

- **ACTION 3.3:** NTC to explore the option of obtaining expert advice on lessons to be learnt and applied from WHS law to deliver more efficient outcomes
 - **ACTION 3.4:** NTC to provide panel members with presentations in advance for future meetings
 - **ACTION 3.5:** Panel noted the very helpful advice from the NHVR on comparative road manager permit approvals experience, good and bad, and agreed to consider information provided by the NHVR at next meeting. NHVR to be asked to attend the next Panel meeting, by phone or in person.
 - **NEXT MEETING:** Monday 13 May
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