

## Heavy Vehicle National Law Review

The National Transport Commission is conducting a first-principles review of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) on behalf of Australia's transport ministers. The goal is to deliver a modern, outcome-focused law for regulating heavy vehicle operations in Australia.

### Issue

- Operators have experienced a proliferation of duplicative, third-party customer auditing since introduction of the primary duty in October 2018. Responding to audit requests is resource intensive and this also undermines the purpose of assurance schemes, which should provide effective assurance to all parties that certain safety risks are being managed.

### Policy options

#### Option-7.3 Entitlement for customers to rely on accreditation

- Here the HVNL could be amended to explicitly provide that customers can rely on an operator's accreditation for fulfilling their obligations under the primary duty. This would mean customers would not need to undertake their own audit which would duplicate an audit already carried out by an accreditation scheme provider.

### Read more

- For more information about assurance options for the future HVNL - read option 7.3 in the [RIS](#) and [HVNL 2.0](#).

### Have your say

- The NTC will continue to engage with stakeholders providing opportunities to help finalise the HVNL reform options.
- Make a short submission. Tell us what options you prefer, least prefer and why on the [HVNL microsite](#).