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## 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

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- Under the HVNL the primary duty only applies to a defined list of parties in the Chain of Responsibility (CoR). Some stakeholders have told us that this list doesn't reflect the current heavy vehicle supply chain, meaning that some parties who impact heavy vehicle safety aren't held to account under the law.
- Some stakeholders are also concerned that the primary duty is vague and unclear on what it requires parties to do- particularly in relation to driver competency and fitness for work.

### Policy options

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#### Option-4.1 Expand the CoR to include all parties that influence heavy vehicle safety

- This could mean heavy vehicle repairers, manufacturers, and many others would have a primary safety duty under the HVNL.

#### Option-4.4 Make it clear that the primary duty includes making sure drivers are competent and fit to work

- The primary duty might clearly include ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, the competency and fitness for work of drivers. This could even cover drug and alcohol management plans.

### Read more

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- For more information about the CoR option read option 4.1 of the [RIS](#) and [HVNL 2.0](#).
- For more information about clarifying the primary duty read option 4.4 of the [RIS](#) and [HVNL 2.0](#).

### Have your say

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- 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](#).