

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

- Assurance under the HVNL doesn't deliver value for operators. The National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) does not provide the level of safety assurance required to fully comply with the HVNL. The modules in NHVAS are also quite prescriptive and do not incentivise innovation or encourage operators to actively manage risk. There is also duplication and inconsistency across various assurance schemes.

Policy options

Option-7.2 Remove the NHVAS and rely on performance standards

- Here there would be no formal accreditation under the HVNL and instead performance standards would define acceptable outcomes relating to mass, vehicle maintenance and fatigue.

Option-7.3 Enhanced opt-in single certification scheme

- This option would deliver a new and improved NHVAS. It would have better links to safety obligations under the HVNL and would be less prescriptive than current modules under the NHVAS.

Option-7.4 Enable multiple regulatory certification schemes

- This option is about changing assurance under the HVNL to allow for the recognition of assurance schemes other than the NHVAS that meet necessary standards.

Read more

- For more information about assurance options for the future HVNL - read options 7.2 – 7.4 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](#).