

HVNL Review – Expert Panel

Meeting Record

Melbourne, 30 January 2019

Participants

Chair: Peter Harris

Members: Sharon Middleton, Andrew Ethell, Gary Mahon, Gary Liddle, Louise Bilato

NTC: Geoff Allan, Paul Davies (dial-in), Robert Chamberlain, Tania Wilson

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and introductions

2. How we got here

3. Members' expectations

- **GUIDANCE NOTE 1.1:** The Expert Panel advised that the HVNL review should result in a new law to better meet the original intent of heavy vehicle regulation. The review should not merely improve elements of the existing law but fully replace it.

4. Terms of Reference

- **RESOLUTION 1.1:** The Expert Panel approved the attached Terms of Reference for its activities.
- **ACTION 1.1 (NTC):** Update the Panel's Terms of Reference accordingly and confirm with the Chair.
- **ACTION 1.2 (CHAIR):** Write to the chair of the Jurisdictional Strategic Overview Panel (JSOP) expressing interest in meeting (NTC to provide draft).

5. HVNL Approach and process

- **GUIDANCE NOTE 1.2:** The Expert Panel advised that the desired outcome of the law should be a heavy vehicle that is operating safely while delivering an efficient service.
 - **RESOLUTION 1.2:** The Expert Panel approved the draft *Approach* document, subject to minor amendment and re-approval by chair. NTC to amend the proposed approach to the HVNL review to reflect this desired outcome, noting that there needs to be a balance between safety and productivity and that harms and risks do not occur solely during the journey.
 - **ACTION 1.3 (NTC):** Provide a response paper to the Expert Panel on policy points raised by Gary Mahon, outlining what is covered in the proposed approach, what isn't covered and why.
 - **GUIDANCE NOTE 1.3:** The Expert Panel noted the current timeline may not allow enough time for full consideration of reform options by industry and for the NTC to develop policy options that are consequently fully informed. The Panel acknowledged that the issues papers nevertheless need to be released during the first half of 2019 as scheduled and believed there would be value in
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considering the opportunity to extend consultation timeframes for policy options by three months or more, should that opportunity arise.

6. Other business

- **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 14 March 12-4pm (TBC)
- **ACTION 1.4 (CHAIR):** Respond to the letter from NHVR regarding the opportunity for the Expert Panel and the NHVR to work together on the Review.