Heavy Vehicle National Law Review Workshop: Fatigue

Canberra
Tuesday, 19 November 2019


A panel of experts offered their perspectives on important considerations for the RIS, to stimulate thinking on the key elements for inclusion. The NTC put forward potential areas for assessment; these areas were the subject of morning and afternoon workshop sessions.

Panel discussion

Panellists:

- Mr Peter Anderson – CEO, Victorian Transport Association
- Mr Andreas Blahous – Manager, Safety Policy and Risk, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
- Prof Drew Dawson – Director, Appleton Institute
- Dr Sarah Jones – General Manager, Road Transport Safety and Compliance, Toll Group
- Mr Andrew Mahon – General Manager (Land Transport Safety and Regulation), Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads
Topics discussed:
- The scope of fatigue management
- Should fatigue be managed under WHS laws or the HVNL
- Management of acute risk factors (e.g. lifestyle, fitness for duty, time of day/night driving)
- Management of chronic factors (e.g. medical fitness)
- Record-keeping – administrative requirements and associated penalties
- Alternative work-and-rest hours models
- Considerations for a performance- or principle-based fatigue (risk) management system

Workshop session 1 – WHS/HVNL, risk factors, scope and record keeping

The aim of the workshop sessions was to identify factors the NTC should consider when assessing policy options.

Areas covered:
- Complementing WHS and other laws for best results
- Improving the controls for the shorter-term risk factors
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- Scope of fatigue management requirements
- Efficient and effective record keeping
Workshop 2 – Prescriptive hours, fatigue monitoring and fatigue risk management systems

Areas covered:
- Improved prescriptive models (work and rest hours)
- Incorporating fatigue monitoring systems
- Fatigue risk management systems

Next steps
- Workshop 2 – Melbourne, 21 November (Fundamentals of the law)
- Workshop 3 – Brisbane, 2 December (Building blocks of the law)
- Workshop 4 – Brisbane, 3 December (Vehicles and access)
- Preparation of Regulation Impact Statement (early 2020)
- Consultation on Regulation Impact Statement (mid 2020)
- Recommendations to ministers (November 2020)

Get involved

For more information on what we have heard about effective fatigue management as part of the review, visit: www.hvnlnreview.ntc.gov.au/effective-fatigue-management-1

We have also published suggested policy options for feedback. We invite you to suggest policy options or provide feedback on the suggested policy options already published.

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