

National Heavy Vehicle Law Amendment Bill 2025

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This bill is the result of a multi-year, multi-jurisdictional national process, starting with a National Heavy Vehicle Law national review led by the National Transport Commission, leading to endorsement by transport ministers, and then implementation in each state's law.

The laws apply to heavy vehicles – semi-trailers, freight truck, buses, concrete trucks, mobile cranes, etc.

The bill requires operators to have a Safety Management System, implements a duty to be fit to drive, and improved enforcement of fatigue rules, and other administrative changes.

There were 11 submissions raising some practical issues with the new laws with Committee identifying them as technical in nature and that the National Heavy Vehicles Regulator is committing to further consultation and working with stakeholders around making regulations and through the implementation. There were no Statements of Reservation.

Although out of scope for this Bill, we again reiterate the need for better regulation and monitoring to protect communities impacted by inappropriate and dangerous levels of heavy haulage vehicles, and expedited repairing of damage to roads that result from.

Recognising the importance of practical, ongoing reform that contributes to safer highways and roads for all users, this Bill was supported.