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### **ALC calls for a Heavy Vehicle National Law administered by a properly funded single agency**

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) has lodged its response to the Draft Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) and the accompanying Regulatory Impact Statement, with the National Transport Commission (NTC).

The proposed law harmonises heavy vehicle laws across the nation making it easier for businesses to operate across state and territory borders.

ALC Chief Executive Michael Kilgariff stated that the Council supported the inclusion in the draft HVNL of most of the provisions of the NTC's existing Model Law and welcomed the proposed national vehicle registration, but that for a national law to work it will need one autonomous regulator to administer it.

"A national law should be administered by a single agency and all critical functions should be the responsibility of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR)," said Mr Kilgariff.

"The HVNL is to be an applied law – all jurisdictions applying the Law that will be passed in Queensland.

"That is the only way a national law can work efficiently", he said.

Mr Kilgariff also added that if the national regulation of heavy vehicles is to work, the NHVR must be properly funded from Day 1.

"The entire concept of the national regulation of heavy vehicles is at risk if the proposed National Regulator has insufficient funds to perform the necessary tasks," said Mr Kilgariff.

"Without the proper funding it will fail," he said.

There have been calls from sections of the industry for the Draft Law and Regulatory Impact Statement to go out for another consultation. ALC believes that it is far better to get the regulatory framework for the NHVR right, than it is to proceed at haste with an inappropriate outcome.

Other main points made out in ALC's submission included the provision for appeals against applications; opposition to the proposal that a road manager should be able to require the production of a compliance certificate; and regret on the lack of a national heavy vehicle driver licensing scheme.

To view ALC's submission click here [ALC Response to Draft HVNL and Regulatory Impact Statement](#).

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