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ALC Launches *Improving Heavy Vehicle Safety the Australian Way*

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) has today released [Improving Heavy Vehicle Safety the Australian Way – A Position Paper](#), setting out a blueprint for enhancing heavy vehicle safety.

“As an industry leader, ALC is committed to improving heavy vehicle safety and reducing road fatalities. Our Position Paper sets out a clear pathway to achieve these outcomes and suggests practical policy reforms that should be made,” said ALC Managing Director, Michael Kilgariff.

The Position Paper was tabled today during ALC’s appearance before the NSW Parliamentary [Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety \(Staysafe Committee\)](#) which is conducting an [inquiry into heavy vehicle safety and use of technology to improve road safety](#).

A copy of ALC’s opening statement to this Committee can be found [here](#).

“ALC takes the unequivocal position that heavy vehicle operators should be required to comply with an agreed set of National Operating Standards in order to operate a heavy vehicle in Australia.”

“This National Operating Standard would require a heavy vehicle operator to have both the financial capacity to operate a business as well as adopting a uniform safety management system,” Mr Kilgariff said.

“This is consistent with the approach taken in other comparable jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and New Zealand.”

“In conjunction with National Operating Standards, ALC has again called on the *Heavy Vehicle National Law* to be amended to make it mandatory for heavy vehicles to be fitted with telematic equipment.

“Mandatory telematics and a National Operating Standard were supported by Toll Group Managing Director Michael Byrne in his [letter to the Prime Minister](#) earlier this year.”

“It is vitally important that public conversations regarding heavy vehicle safety focus on the practical policy reforms that will make a genuine difference, and not become side-tracked by discussions about other matters, such as the role of the former [Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal](#) (RSRT), and its so-called ‘Safe Rates’ regime.”

“ALC’s Position Paper does this by proposing a series of safety-focused measures that will meet the clear desire within industry and the wider community to improve heavy vehicle safety,” he concluded.

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