



ALC Statement on the Proposed Review of the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) welcomes the Federal Opposition's commitment to review the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal if it forms Government in September.

ALC is the peak industry body for the major and national companies in the Australian freight transport and logistics supply chain industry.

Responding to the release today of the Federal Opposition's Workplace Relations Policy, ALC Managing Director Michael Kilgariff said the proposed review was appropriate given safety matters in the heavy vehicle industry are sufficiently dealt with under other legislative instruments.

"ALC has consistently called for a review of the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal and I am pleased the Federal Coalition has indicated its preparedness to undertake such a review if it forms government," said Michael Kilgariff, ALC Managing Director.

"ALC believes a review into the Act is warranted given the potential for significant overlap between the Tribunal's orders and the Heavy Vehicle National Law and workplace health and safety laws.

"The Heavy Vehicle National Law, which is currently being implemented around Australia, specifically manages speeding and fatigue which are the areas of greatest concern in the sector.

"These national laws, which would provide for the first time a national approach to Chain of Responsibility, need to be given time to be implemented and bedded down.

"In its current form, the Road Safety Remuneration Act prevails over all other laws, including the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

"This is a recipe for inefficiency, confusion and increased costs without any demonstrated commensurate improvement in safety.

"ALC raised these issues in its recent [submission](#) to the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal on proposed orders provided to the Tribunal.

"The submission also raised the ALC concern that the orders proposed could act as a disincentive for companies to implement best practice safety measures as it effectively institutes a 'command/control' safety culture and regime rather than one of "continuous improvement.

"At the very least, ALC believes the review should be undertaken with a view to eliminate from the Act any provisions that confer a power on the Tribunal to make statutory instruments covering areas already dealt with by other pieces of legislation.

"It is also important to point out that according to figures from the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics and Safe Work Australia, safety outcomes in the heavy vehicle industry are improving.

"A national approach to Chain of Responsibility under the Heavy Vehicle National Law will help to support this positive trend continuing.

"ALC is committed to enhancing industry safety and the promotion and adoption of best practice across the industry.

"Consistent with this commitment, ALC believes a review into the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal is necessary to ensure it is actually fulfilling its stated objective of increasing safety in the industry," he said.

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