



## Uniform Road Rules Would Improve Safety and Abolish Red Tape

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC), the peak representative body for the freight logistics industry, welcomes a proposal by the National Transport Commission to improve the consistency of road rules in Australia.

The major recommendation from the NTC's review of Australia road rules is replacing the model law approach with an applied law approach, whereby one state enacts a law which other states and territories adopt in their own jurisdictions

"Inconsistent national road rules just reinforces the perception of Australia as a country of eight separate nations," said Michael Kilgariff, ALC Managing Director.

"This is a good example of the unnecessary red tape faced by those companies operating across Australia," he said.

ALC advocated for this change in its submission on the NTC's Review of Australian Road Rules Discussion Paper to achieve greater cross-border consistency.

"I am pleased the NTC has recognised the potential safety benefits of having nationally consistent road rules through an applied law approach which would improve efficiency and safety in the heavy vehicle industry," he said.

"When transport operators move freight around Australia they are often confronted with inconsistent road rules which can make cross-border driving confusing, and in effect, more dangerous.

"Achieving a more consistent regulatory framework is an important step towards improving safety, not only for heavy vehicle drivers, but for all road users," he said.

Mr Kilgariff said ALC's support for nationally consistent road rules is in line with its broader policy position to achieve a seamless regulatory framework for the freight logistics sector.

"Unnecessary red tape imposed on the freight logistics industry hinders its efforts to improve efficiency, boost productivity and enhance safety," he said.

"Inconsistent laws increases the cost of transporting goods across state borders and these costs needs to be passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices for everyday goods.

"Having more uniform road rules would not only improve safety, it would also improve efficiency in the heavy vehicle sector which is good for the national economy and good for all Australians," he said.

To view the ALC Submission on the Australian Road Rules Discussion Paper, [click here](#).

To view the NTC Draft Evaluation Report, [click here](#).

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