



Improved Transparency on Heavy Vehicle Driver Licences Good for Safety

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) welcomes changes announced today by Duncan Gay, NSW Minister for Roads and Freight, to introduce an online licence check in NSW.

The *Driver Licence Check* goes live today and will streamline the previous system to enable operators to check multiple licences and demerit point status at one time.

“ALC has long called (see below) for transport companies to have the ability to be able to confirm whether employees and contractors driving their vehicles have an appropriate and valid heavy vehicle licence,” said Michael Kilgariff, ALC Managing Director.

“I congratulate Minister Gay on progressing this important road safety reform.

“Being able to confirm licence validity on an ongoing basis is an important step forward from a safety perspective and demonstrates the Government’s willingness to work with industry on practical measures that will improve safety and efficiency on our roads.

“Similarly, the changes announced today by Minister Gay in regards to ‘real-time’ demerit point status will ease the administrative burden on many transport operators and will help strengthen heavy vehicle safety.

“ALC would encourage other jurisdictions which have yet to reform their licence checking arrangements to implement similar measures so we have a national approach.

“Having seamless regulatory arrangements for such things as licence checking is needed to drive both productivity and safety outcomes, and is critical to underpinning the efficient movement of freight across state borders,” he said.

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Note to Editors:

- In August 2012, ALC wrote to all Transport and Infrastructure Council Ministers encouraging them to reform privacy legislation that prohibited transport companies from accessing the driver records of their employees.
- In April 2015, following the Queensland Government’s introduction of an online licence validation service, ALC again wrote to all Transport and Infrastructure Council urging them to adopt a national approach to checking the validity of heavy vehicle drivers’ licences.