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### **NTC Telematics Review Must Have Wider Focus**

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) says a review of regulatory telematics being undertaken by the [National Transport Commission](#) (NTC) must actively consider the benefits of using telematics to improve multiple aspects of heavy vehicle safety, including the control of speeding compliance and advancing land transport market reform.

“ALC has a [longstanding](#) record of advocating for the [mandatory use of telematics](#) to enhance heavy vehicle safety,” said ALC Managing Director, Michael Kilgariff.

“It is pleasing that the NTC has at last agreed to examine matters including industry adoption rates, barriers to adoption and the governance and legislative arrangements surrounding the use of telematics in heavy vehicles.”

“However, it is important that the parameters of this review are not drawn so narrowly that they preclude active consideration of the broader benefits of telematics, both in terms of enhancing road safety and boosting national productivity.”

“[Industry has consistently told](#) the NTC and other government bodies that mandatory use of telematics is essential to driving efficiency and safety improvements in the heavy vehicle sector,” Mr Kilgariff said.

“Moreover, employing technologies like vehicle telematics to progress important national economic reforms, such as cost-reflective road pricing, has previously been recommended by both the [Productivity Commission](#) and the [Harper Review](#) of Competition Policy.”

“Discussion about making more effective use of telematics has been ongoing for a number of years, and during that time the technology available to industry has become both more reliable and more accessible, as the price of telematics equipment falls.”

“ALC’s continuing discussions with industry participants regarding the [National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy](#) indicate that industry is continuing to embrace innovative technological solutions.”

“This means it is now easier than ever to collect reliable data that can shape the development of a more efficient and safer freight transport network.”

“Industry is grasping the nettle when it comes to telematics. Now is the time for regulators and statutory bodies to do likewise.”

“Accordingly, the NTC’s review of regulatory telematics should explore the full range of economic benefits available to industry and the economy, by ensuring the review fully considers the application of telematics to matters such as speeding compliance and land transport market reform,” he concluded.

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