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Mandatory Telematics Through The National Operating Standard Promotes Safety and Compliance

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) says that collecting information with telemetric equipment through adopting a [National Operating Standard](#) into the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) will help improve safety and compliance for heavy vehicle operators.

The requirement for operators to collect and keep specific safety data using telemetric equipment and services compatible with the National Telematics Framework.¹

ALC recently surveyed its members. They say the advantages of having key safety data automatically collected by telemetric equipment include:

- knowing where vehicles are and the routes taken
- being able to accurately tell motor vehicles repairers and others the location of a broken-down vehicle
- being able to identify practices that can be improved to improve productivity, such as reducing the amount of idling in vehicles
- having reliable and accurate information available to ensure HVNL compliance and to be able to produce records to prove it

ALC members advise that for around \$2500 (for hardware) plus around \$30-\$50 a month service fee, a compliant unit can be obtained that can provide:

1. compliance with NHVAS mass, maintenance and fatigue modules
2. electronic work diaries and electronic fit for duty declarations
3. integration with on board weighing systems, electronic braking systems, transport/freight management systems, distraction monitoring services and cameras
4. applications to calculate Fuel Tax credits, location and speed monitoring, trailer tracking and driver navigation services
5. assistance in fuel management and the production of engine information.

The requirement can be scaled to the size of the business. The technology is affordable and available. It delivers significant safety and efficiency benefits. It is time that telematics became part of a common, legally enforceable, benchmark for all.

Read more about the National Operating Standard here: <https://www.austlogistics.com.au/policy-advocacy/nationaloperatingstandard/>

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¹ A digital business platform consisting of infrastructure and rules that support an open marketplace of telematics and related intelligent technology providers. For further information see: <https://www.tca.gov.au/ntf/national-telematics-framework>.