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## WHAT INSPECTORS AND OPERATORS SEE – GETTING CONSISTENT ROADSIDE OUTCOMES

Heavy vehicle inspectors, operators and equipment manufacturers sometimes have very different views about what constitutes a heavy vehicle roadworthiness defect, and how to define the severity of a fault.

At the 2015 PACCAR and Dealer TMC, senior heavy vehicle inspectors from New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria will come together with leading operators to discuss common roadside faults, and how to get consistent roadworthiness outcomes from your workshop team.

The CEO of the Australian Trucking Association, Christopher Melham, said inconsistent treatment of vehicle faults did not aid road safety outcomes, and placed an extra red tape burden on road transport businesses.

"We've all heard of cases where the same roadworthiness requirement is interpreted differently by jurisdictions or inspectors, leading to confusion," Mr Melham said

"Safety is our highest priority on the road. But the trucking industry's workshops need to know exactly what the standards are, in order for them to keep their fleet in top shape.

"In this session, TMC delegates can bring their questions and constructively discuss these issues with a panel of senior inspectors from three states, so we can work on our common goal of improving road safety."

The 'What inspectors and operators see' session will take place on Monday 26 October from 1:15pm – 2:30pm at the Kangan Institute in Docklands, Melbourne.

The TMC 2015 program includes multiple streams of technical sessions, compliance forums, and product training workshop sessions, including a program stream focusing on compliance with the new National Heavy Vehicle Inspection manual.

Full delegate registration for TMC 2015 is available for \$495, and includes all program sessions, the PACCAR Parts Fun Night and the Castrol Vecton Awards Dinner. For more information about TMC 2015 and to register, go to <u>www.truck.net.au/tmc</u>.

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The 2015 PACCAR and Dealer TMC is Australia's premier technical and maintenance event. Jointly presented by the Australian Trucking Association and the Australian Road Transport Suppliers Association, TMC 2015 will take place from Monday 26 to Wednesday 28 October 2015 in Melbourne.