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## **1,500 PERMITS TO GO UNDER NEW TRUCK AND DOG NETWORK**

The new PBS truck and dog network will slash red tape for trucking operators by removing the need for 1,500 permits, the CEO of the Australian Trucking Association, Christopher Melham, said today.

The NHVR released the details of the new network today. It will apply to truck and dog combinations approved under the Performance Based Standards (PBS) system. These comprise three or four axle rigid trucks that tow a three, four or five axle dog trailer.

Mr Melham said that operators of these trucks would no longer need to apply for permits, provided they met the conditions of the network notice.

"The network will slash red tape for trucking operators, by removing the need for the trucking industry to apply for and later renew some 1,500 permits," Mr Melham said.

"It will also encourage more operators to use these high productivity vehicles.

"The network is an example of how the NHVR is working with industry to reduce compliance costs. There's a lot more to do, but any day when 1,500 pieces of unnecessary government paperwork gets scrapped is a good day," he said.

The new network will open up 341,000 km of state and local roads for PBS level 1 access, with 101,000 km opened for longer vehicles that comply with PBS level 2. Combinations operating at higher mass limits in Queensland and NSW will need be satellite tracked through the Intelligent Access Program.

[Read the official notice and NHVR fact sheet](#)

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