Queensland Transport, Housing and   
Local Government Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Committee Members

**RE: Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill 2012**

We thank the Committee for the opportunity to comment on the changes to the Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill 2012.

By way of background, the Australian Trucking Association (ATA) is the peak body that represents the trucking industry. Its members include the state and sector-based trucking associations, some of the nation’s largest transport companies and businesses with leading expertise in truck technology.

ATA supports the Bill in its current state, based on the commitments in the NHVR Forward Work Program. We support a strong, but fair, approach to the chain of responsibility and executive liability provisions. On the issue of penalties, we would support the idea of the current penalty provisions being reviewed some time down the track, so that the more minor offence penalties are in line with deterrence theories, which ensures effectiveness and fairness.

Yours sincerely

(SIGNED)

Stuart St Clair

**Chief Executive**

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