



Mr Howard Hobbs MP  
Chair  
Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QUEENSLAND 4000

Dear Mr Hobbs

As the Chairman of the Australian Trucking Association (ATA), I am grateful for the opportunity to submit comments on the draft Transport and Other Legislation (Heavy Vehicle National Law) Amendment Bill 2013.

The ATA is the peak body representing the trucking industry in Australia. Our members include state and sector trucking associations, major logistics companies, and operators and suppliers of truck technology. In this context, the ATA represents heavy vehicle stakeholders affected by reforms underway in each jurisdiction for the establishment of the new Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL).

The Bill makes a variety of amendments to current Queensland legislation so as to permit the new national law to operate in that state from 1 July 2013. The ATA acknowledges that there are areas in which the national law is not yet operational (including vehicle registration and inspection) and that this Bill has provisions allowing these areas to continue under Queensland law until the relevant national provisions commence.

The ATA supports a smooth implementation of the HVNL across Australia through the use of state-based provisions in specific areas where the national framework does not yet operate. Such an approach offers clarity and continuity of access and it represents a sensible process for the heavy vehicle industry in transitioning to the new regulatory environment. It is vital that industry remains confident that there will be no legislative derogations that may have an adverse effect on vehicle productivity or access in the lead up to the successful establishment of the HVNL.

Yours sincerely

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David Simon  
Chairman

8 April 2013