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POLICY

VACC's Federal Election Manifesto

Over the coming weeks, VACC will be launching our 2022 Federal Election Manifesto, outlining key automotive policy priorities for the next Australian Government. This relates to: skills, the future of automotive, tax reform, Covid recovery, red-tape reduction, the environment, workplace relations and diversity.

The document also includes VACC's advocacy for a national review of all state and territory Approved Examiner Schemes (VASS in Victoria) by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to allow for better harmonisation and a more level playing field for certifiers across Australia.

All members will receive a soft copy of the manifesto once available.

VSB6 Modification Code J4 – Tipper bodies

In October 2021, CVIAV provided written feedback to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) on their proposed VSB6 Modification Code J4 – Tipper Bodies.

CVIAV's response included the following key points:

1. Any substantial changes to the existing code, or development of a new code, should be subject to a Regulatory Impact Statement to justify the development of the new regulations. The direct benefits to industry from these proposed changes are not obvious and should be more heavily scrutinised.
2. It is anticipated that the proposed J4 code would place immense cost pressures on the building of a truck body.
3. Overall, CVIAV supports the requirements of the J1 modification code, but deems the new modification code J4 as unnecessary.
4. CVIA is seeking clarity on the terms "required vs recommended" outlined in the recent draft.

The NHVR has recently released their draft review for final feedback based on submissions received in October. CVIAV is currently preparing our response on behalf of members for submission on 24 January 2022.

A copy of the draft code can be accessed [HERE](#).

AdBlue

As members will be aware, news of the anticipated AdBlue stock shortages has been dominating the headlines.

CVIAV, industry expert members and our colleagues at the Truck Industry Council have been actively engaged with the federal government and its agency, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to provide expert technical advice on addressing the predicted AdBlue shortages.

New Regulatory Advice on light to medium heavy vehicles available re Chain of Responsibility

The NHVR has released new regulatory advice about identifying and managing the safety risks of light to medium heavy vehicles.

This is the second in a series of regulatory advice pieces designed help industry and the supply chain better understand Chain of Responsibility laws.

Operators or owners of light to medium heavy vehicles (a vehicle with a GVM or ATM of more than 4.5t and less than 12t) may not be aware of their legal obligations under the HVNL.

This new guidance provides an easy-to-read snapshot of what risks are involved, who has a responsibility to manage those risks, and some useful advice and resources.

Members can access the resource [HERE](#)

Road Vehicle Standards Act – Opt-in for Vehicle Type Approvals

CVIAV and our national counterparts the Commercial Vehicle Industry Association of Australia (CVIAA) have been actively involved with Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities as they prepared for the implementation of the RVSA in 2021.

Members should be aware that the period for Vehicle Type Approval holders to convert approvals to Type Approvals has now ended (as of 31 December). Manufacturers who have not opted-in, will now be required to complete a new Vehicle Type Approval from the beginning (including supporting documentation) in order to supply vehicles to market post 30 June 2022.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

VACC's Industrial Relations team provides timely advice to member regarding workplace relations issues, with particular reference to COVID business management.

If you have missed any of the recent bulletins, you can access via the following links:

1. [Limited exemption from close contact requirements provided to specific workers](#)
2. [Update – Public holidays and penalty rates](#)
3. [Updated Pandemic Orders issued following Victorian Premier's extension of Pandemic Declaration.](#)

VASS

VASS Signatory Intake – from existing Signatory base

VicRoads has recently announced they will be opening the intake process for new VASS Signatories in two phases.

The first phase is open to applicants ***nominated by existing VASS Signatories, effective immediately*** until **8 February 2022**.

The second phase will be open to the general public late February/early March 2022. VicRoads will make an announcement once this opens.

The application form can be accessed [HERE](#).

NEWS

Technical Support Engineer Role at VicRoads

VicRoads is recruiting a Technical Support Engineer to join their team.

As part of the Vehicle Safety and Compliance team within Registration and Licensing Services, Technical Support Engineers contribute to the development and implementation of vehicle safety related policy within VicRoads, and participate in the development and implementation of new schemes.

Please visit [HERE](#) to find out more.

Freight and logistics industry update

The Department of Transport has produced an update outlining disruptions to freight corridors due to Dynon Road Bridge strengthening works in West Melbourne. Alternative route maps are included in the update [HERE](#)

Renewable Hydrogen to be harnessed for heavy transport industry

The Victorian Government is planning to harness renewable hydrogen to clean up heavy transport, buses and industry with more than \$7 million of funding for trials and studies to fast-track this emerging technology. \$6.6 million is being provided through the Renewable Hydrogen Commercialisation Pathways Fund to support six projects that will see Victoria produce and use renewable hydrogen in real-world applications.

You can read more about it [HERE](#).

Don't #uck with a Truck: new NHVR road safety awareness campaign



The NHVR has launched a new major road safety awareness campaign titled Don't #uck With A Truck targeting Learner (L) and Provisional (P) licence holders. The campaign aims to demonstrate how L and P licence holders can drive safely around trucks – including when trucks are turning, stopping and how to overtake a truck.

For further details on the campaign visit: <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/dontmuckwithatruck>

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