

Using a 'cradle lift' or 'wheel lift' behind your tilt tray to tow a second vehicle

Dear Member

The Victorian Automotive Chamber of Commerce (VACC) has been in dialogue with various towing operators and other agencies. It has come to our attention that the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) has made commentary amongst industry that there may be an issue when using a 'cradle' or 'wheel lift' behind your tilt tray. The concern is raised that if you are planning on using a 'cradle' or 'wheel lift' behind your tilt tray that the rear-overhang remains compliant under the [Heavy Vehicle National Law](#). It seems based on current allowable dimensions this may not be the case, which has in turn caused the concern in the first place.

Amongst the industry there has been various assumptions made and opinions had on this contentious and complex issue. At this stage the VACC will be liaising with the regulator to clarify the current overhang requirements under the NHVR regulations and when more information is available, we will report back to members.

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