

7th December 2012

Mr Howard Hobbs
Chair
Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Re: *Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill 2012*

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the *Heavy Vehicle Law National Amendment Bill 2012*.

The NFF reconfirms its support for the establishment of a single national system of laws for heavy vehicles, to improve efficiency in the operation of heavy vehicles and reduce the administrative and regulatory burden for heavy vehicle operators. Timely passage through the Queensland Parliament early in 2013, without unnecessary delays, will be important to allow the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) to establish itself and work towards national uniformity.

Consistent with the intention of national uniformity, it will also be important that State Government's work cooperatively and do not seek to make changes to the legislation unilaterally. Accordingly, with State Government's as major stakeholders, the NHVR will be required to provide a certain level of accountability to states. As an ongoing concern, any changes desired by State's should be delivered through a national process, with adequate review mechanisms made available for this purpose.

The NFF and its members look forward to working with the NHVR office to ensure the needs of farmers are addressed.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this letter, please contact NFF Rural Affairs Manager, David McKeon on 02 6269 5666.

Yours sincerely



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