ROUNDTABLE FOR OIL AND GAS PROJECTS IN SA

WORKING GROUP 4

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An industry-government partnership to maintain Safe and Sustainable Transport and Reduced Red Tape along SA-Qld ‘Wharf to Well’ corridors to the Cooper-Eromanga Basins

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**Goal**

- Develop work program of ‘high value’ corridor and area based exemptions and concessions, able to be implemented without increased risk to safety, for consideration and endorsement by the South Australian, Queensland and Commonwealth Governments, and relevant national regulators

- Identify and prioritise issues &opportunities

- “Rapid appraisal’ of feasibility of proposals and a work program for approval
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Significant changes in transport regulatory environment:

- Creation of national road and rail regulators
- Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) commenced Feb 14
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR), based in Brisbane
- Great opportunity to reduce regulatory inconsistency and realise efficiencies, but still a journey to deliver the full benefits

- States and Councils still have specific roles
  - including in relation to access and policy
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The new *National Heavy Vehicle Regulator*, is responsible for:

- Compliance and enforcement
- National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme
- Performance-Based Standards
- Heavy vehicle standards
- Mass and Dimension approvals and exemptions

Some services are still being delivered by agencies under service level agreements
Access:

- Class 2 (Restricted Access Vehicles) permits are being managed by the NHVR, and all interstate permits.
- Other ‘oversize and overmass / special purpose vehicle permits’ are being handled by States (e.g., DPTI) currently under delegation from the NHVR.
- Road Manager consents are required as part of the access approval process – typically involves State agencies and Local Governments.
- Major ‘Access Management Remediation Program’ underway to deliver an efficient and effective ‘one stop shop’.
Actions to date:

- Industry / Government discussions - involving the NHVR and Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (eg Vehicle import approval and Australian Design Rules)

- SWOT - ‘one on ones’ with oil and gas and transport stakeholders - feed into WG4 to prioritise key issues and major improvement opportunities for import and regulatory outcomes
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SWOT themes/priorities to date:

• Education / information: Simple understanding (mud-map) of
  • Vehicle and equipment customs/import/design rules
  • Road access and ‘on road’ regulations
  • Roles of Governments / NHVR / ADR / others

• Guidance for new and emerging players
• Dangerous goods
• Inter-jurisdiction practices / differences
What works well – and therefore we need to preserve?

What opportunities do you think offer step change improvements? (Need to be specific and clear about the benefit to enable prioritisation).
Next Steps:

• Continue Qld and SA Governments cooperation to enable transport corridors without extraneous regulation

• WG4 meeting – early 2015 – focus on an agreed work plan for key improvements