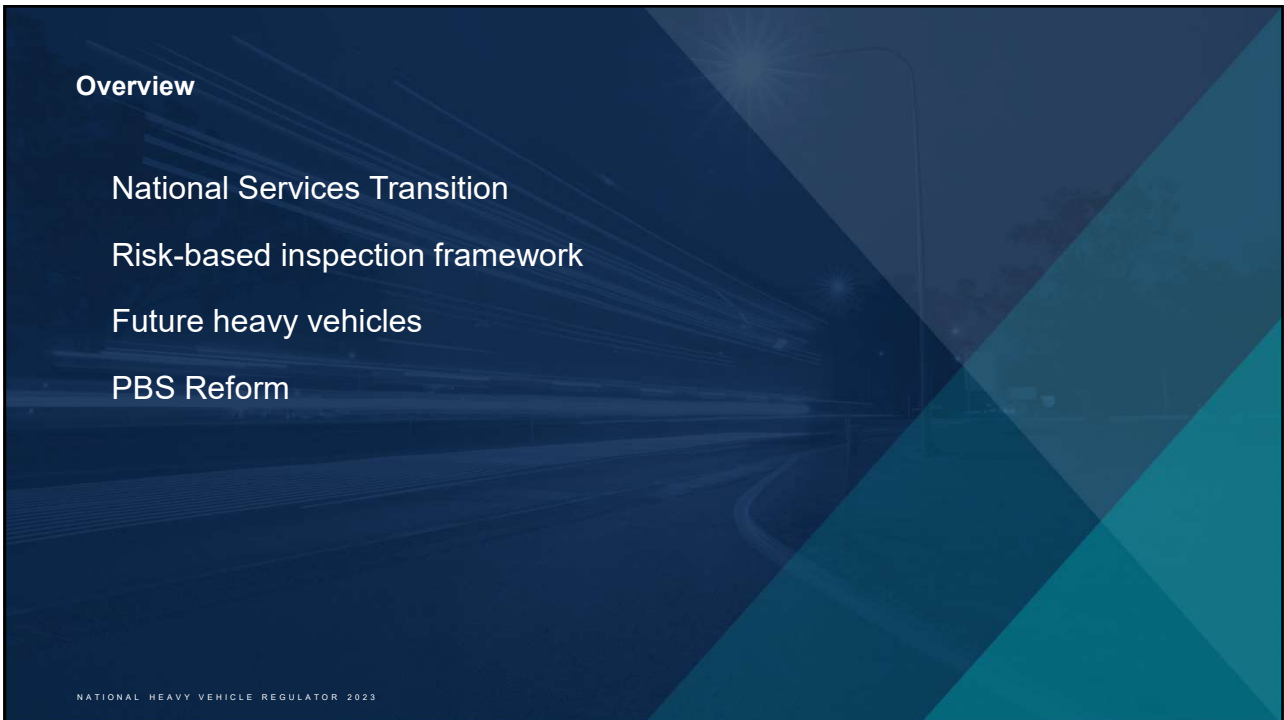




Becoming a modern-day regulator

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Bus Industry Summit 2023
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Overview

- National Services Transition
- Risk-based inspection framework
- Future heavy vehicles
- PBS Reform

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Our purpose

“
To enable safe and efficient heavy vehicle movements for the benefit of all.
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Becoming a national regulator



South Australia
Transitioned October 2017

Tasmania
Transitioned July 2018

Australian Capital Territory
Transitioned July 2019

Victoria
Transitioned December 2019

New South Wales
Transitioned August 2022

Queensland
Transition underway expected for completion end 2023

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Benefits of transition

Successfully delivering regulatory services in the ACT, New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria

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Increased resources in every transitioned state and territory at no additional cost to industry

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Improving our regulatory capability and professionalism through the adoption of national training and procedures

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Developing our system capability through the Safety Compliance Regulatory Platform

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Continuing to work in partnership with jurisdictions to ensure seamless compliance activities for heavy vehicle operators

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National Risk-Based Inspection Framework

- Project to consider and develop a nationally consistent approach to regular vehicle safety inspections.
- Development commenced in March 2021.
- Policy framework endorsed by Ministers in October 2022.
- Currently focused on progressing development and implementation of the scheme, including the Standards and Assurance phase of the project.
- In 2023 the NHVR will consult with jurisdictions and industry to inform this work.

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Future heavy vehicles



- Heavy vehicle design is fundamentally changing at a rapid pace.
- Many of these changes will face regulatory barriers that could see safety and environmental benefits delayed.
- We can be more proactive as a regulator:
 - Working with BIC to capture these future changes for bus and coach and ensure government and regulators are aware
 - Where there are VS issues – make changes early to prevent the barrier being faced



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PBS buses



- PBS scheme – key driver of innovation and safer, smarter technologies
- Currently 6 makes of buses have accessed PBS – 100 PBS buses
- NHVR applies PBS standards as a tool to assess novel or complex proposals



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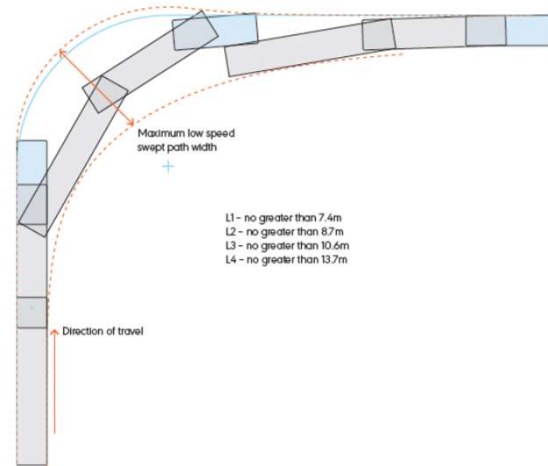
PBS Reforms



Generic tyre approach – Implemented

Low Speed Swept Path and Tail Swing standards

- Options paper to be release prior to Easter.
- Three broad options presented:
 - review existing limits
 - review templates in the Network Classification Guidelines
 - consider alternate approach (ie, the EU roundabout test)
- Feedback provided will inform a Ministerial Briefing.



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PBS Reforms



PBS 2.0

- NHVR program to consider and deliver a scheme that supports the next generation of innovative heavy vehicles.
- Considers three distinct areas:
 - Access and transitioning mature designs out of PBS
 - Standards
 - Assurance
- Public consultation was open for 3-months and closed in mid-February.
 - Submissions being considered.



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