

Heavy Vehicle (Adoption of National Law) Bill 2013

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The Heavy Vehicle National Law (the *National Law*) provides a scheme to regulate the use of heavy vehicles. Generally speaking, a vehicle is a heavy vehicle if it has a GVM (gross vehicle mass) or ATM (aggregate trailer mass) of more than 4.5 tonnes.

The National Law is the subject of an agreement between New South Wales and other participating jurisdictions, under which each jurisdiction has agreed to establish a national system of regulation for heavy vehicles, consisting of uniform laws administered by a single national regulator.

The object of this Bill is to apply the text of the National Law as a law of this State.

Other jurisdictions participating in the scheme have introduced or propose to introduce similar legislation. The Bill also applies the National Regulations made under the National Law as laws of this State.

The text of the National Law is set out in the Schedule to the *Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012* (as amended by the *Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Act 2013*) of Queensland. A copy of the text of the National Law is appended to the Bill as a note to the Bill.

Before the National Law commences it will be necessary to enact legislation providing for the supplementation of and modifications to the National Law as adopted in New South Wales, consequential repeals and amendments of other Acts, and savings and transitional arrangements consequent on the adoption of the National Law.