



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

LARGE VEHICLES IN URBAN ZONES - PEAK HOUR

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee

Meeting date: 26 August 2020

Raised by: Lord Mayor Reynolds

Question:

Is there a requirement from the City of Hobart or the State Government on large vehicles to avoid travel in urban zones during peak traffic times and how common is this traffic management tool in other States and in particular capital cities?

Response:

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) administers one set of laws, the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) for heavy vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass. Heavy vehicle access in Tasmania is regulated under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act of 2013 and the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Regulations of 2014.

These heavy vehicle laws and regulations are applied at a National level in all states and territories except the Northern Territory and Western Australia. Each jurisdiction / road authority is able to apply their own specific exemption notices.

Vehicles within certain dimensions / weights / axle load limits are able to travel free of restrictions or need for approval. This includes the majority of heavy vehicles on Hobart's roads, including regular freight vehicles for supermarkets / shops / logistics, single level flatbed trucks, waste collection vehicles etc.

Approval for vehicles exceeding these limits is either given under Notice, or with a Permit.

The types of vehicles covered under notice on pre-approved routes include:

- Class 1 load carrying vehicles within dimension/mass limits described in the notice (dependent on truck, trailer and axle configuration).
- Some Special Purpose Vehicles (some mobile cranes, concrete pumps, drill rigs, elevated work platforms and fire trucks).
- B-doubles and Higher mass limit vehicles.
- Truck and dog trailer combinations.
- 14.5m buses.

Vehicles requiring Permits include:

- Vehicles above on all other routes.
- Over size/over mass vehicles – typically large indivisible loads.

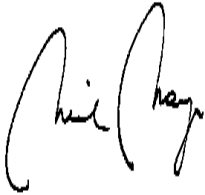
Matters that the road manager should consider include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) the vehicle's ability to interact with surrounding traffic;
- b) the vehicle's ability to interact with the infrastructure and road environment;
- c) dimensions of the road such as its width and the length of stretches of the road;
- d) location of infrastructure on or near the road pavement;
- e) usual traffic conditions of the road – such as what types of vehicles use the road;
- f) the use of properties near the road – for example does the road pass a property used by vulnerable road users such as children;
- g) sight distances for other road users;
- h) clearance zones for the road;
- i) the results of road safety assessments and audits; and
- j) whether the road is suitable for the safe transport of dangerous goods.

When a permit is required for travel on the City of Hobart's roads, the Program Leader Road Services can apply conditions including time of travel. Typically, permits include a 'no peak hour travel' condition, as well as a 'no night travel' condition if night travel is avoidable.

The City of Hobart is not involved if the travel is only on State managed roads, that is, Macquarie Street, Davey Street, Southern Outlet, Brooker Highway and Tasman Highway.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Noye', written in a cursive style.

Neil Noye
DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING

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