

New National Heavy Vehicle Law

The Heavy Vehicle National Law came into effect today (10 Feb 2014). The new law establishes a national system for regulating heavy vehicles over 4.5 tonnes under a new National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

It is in effect across Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania initially with the ACT and the Northern Territory expected to implement it at a later date. Western Australia has chosen not to adopt the new laws.

Of critical note, is the potential liability that directors, partners, owners or managers of a transport business face for breaches that may occur in compliance with fatigue management, speed and loading limits. Liability may arise whether or not you have a direct role in the driving or operation of a heavy vehicle.

Anyone involved in the heavy transport industry would be well advised to familiarise themselves with the new laws and ensure their existing operations and procedures are brought up to date if not compliant. For advice on the Heavy Vehicle National Law and how it may impact your business please contact Clifford Gouldson Lawyers.

Phone 07 4688 2188 www.cglaw.com.au

• WORKPLACE • LITIGATION + DISPUTE RESOLUTION • BUSINESS • INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY •
BUILDING + CONSTRUCTION

Copyright 2014 – Clifford Gouldson Lawyers. This is not legal advice. You ought to obtain legal advice before relying on any of the information contained in this publication.