

Policy Details

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1. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish Logan City Council's commitment to complying with the Chain of Responsibility (CoR) requirements under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) legislation as it applies to Council's road transport operations.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all councillors, employees and contractors working for Council regardless of whether they are permanent, temporary, full-time, part-time or casual. For the purposes of this policy, the term contractor includes on-hired temporary labour services (agency staff) and sub-contractors.

This policy applies to all Council operations that:

- use heavy vehicles with a gross vehicle mass (GVM) of over 4.5 tonnes; and/or
- have a role to play in the Chain of Responsibility (CoR) as defined in the HVNL.

3. Policy Statement

Principles

To promote safety in the transport and logistics industry, the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) imposes exceedingly prescriptive requirements on the use, and operation, of heavy vehicles on the national road network.

Amongst other things, these laws include limitations on weight, height, width, length, the amount of time spent driving, and the condition of vehicles that access the roadways.

Road rules, such as speed, are also given extended effect within the HVNL, prohibiting actions/requests that cause or encourage drivers to exceed speed limits.

Chain of Responsibility (CoR) applies to managers, supervisors, and executive officers, as well as operational staff directly involved in the transport activities.

Council is committed to the ongoing health and safety of all persons involved with, or who may be affected by, its road transport operations and in complying with the HVNL through the development, implementation and maintenance of effective processes for:

- the application of risk management practices for its transport activities;
- the maintenance of vehicle standards to ensure Council vehicles are safe and roadworthy prior to use on a road;
- assessing and managing vehicle mass and dimension;

- speed monitoring;
- fatigue management;
- chain of responsibility requirements, including:
 - contracting, directing or employing drivers, and engaging service or repair agents;
 - preparing or packing goods for transport;
 - loading and unloading goods to or from a vehicle;
 - managing loading/unloading operations;
 - consigning goods to be, or receiving goods having been, transported by road; and
 - scheduling and directing the use of vehicles and drivers;
- applying effective load restraint techniques;
- developing and maintaining documentation for activities designed to control its transport risks;
- ensuring that all Council staff and management are effectively trained and proficient in their roles in its road transport activities;
- conducting regular assurance activities to verify that risk controls are effective; and
- management reporting.

4. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this policy.

TERM	DEFINITION
CoR	Chain of Responsibility
GVM	Gross Vehicle Mass
HVNL	Heavy Vehicle National Law

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