



What does good national regulatory reform look like?

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Reform Journey – setting the scene

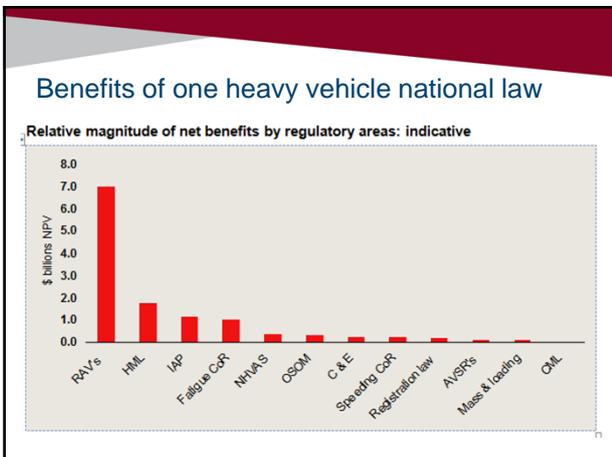
- Establishment of national laws and regulators
- Clarity of roles – NTC, NHVR, ONRSR
- National reform journey over the next 3 – 5 years

Establishment – national laws and regulators

- Council of Australian Governments (COAG) 2008
 - Single national regulatory systems
- Focus of reform
 - Improve safety
 - Reduce costs
 - Reduce regulatory burden

Establishment – national laws and regulators

- National Rail Safety Regulator
 - December 2009 COAG agreed to establish national law and regulator
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
 - February 2010 COAG agreed to establish national law and regulator



Clarifying our roles

NTC	NHVR	ONRSR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive national transport reform • Develop policy, regulatory and operational reform for Australia's road, rail and intermodal transport system • Maintain and update HVNL and RSNL • Evaluate implementation of reforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer the HVNL • Monitor, investigate and enforce compliance of HVNL • Provide advice to NTC on ways to improve HV legislation and regulations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational responsibility for RSNL • Provide advice to NTC on ways to improve rail safety legislation and regulations

National Reform Journey

The next 3-5 years the NTC focus will be on:

- Finish what's been started
- Increase national reform focus on productivity
- Embrace new technology to facilitate national reform

Finish what's been started

- Support and embed NHVR/ONRSR and the national laws
 - Long-term vision: further develop national transport laws and regulations to become best-practice risk-based legislation
- Bring all states/territories under *one umbrella* of national laws and regulators
- Continue work on existing reforms focused on improved safety and productivity
 - CoR duties review, Roadworthiness Review, improved access for HPV, HML and PBS vehicles
- Transition routine maintenance of national laws to regulators
 - NTC review/update laws in response to major policy matters

A renewed focus on productivity

“Productivity isn’t everything but in the long run it is almost everything. A country’s ability to improve its standard of living over time depends almost entirely on its ability to raise output per worker”

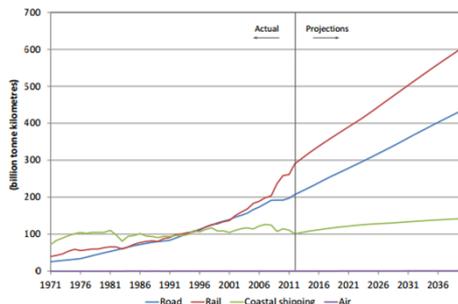
Paul Krugman “The Age of Diminished Expectations” 1994

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The Transport Problem

- Australia’s freight task is growing
- National *transport* productivity has declined in recent years
- Productivity not actively managed at the national level.
 - *No national targets*

Actual and projected domestic freight task, by mode, 1972-2040



Source: BITRE (2013a) and BITRE estimates.

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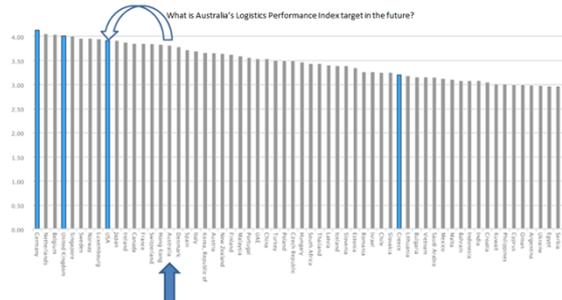
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A Proposed Solution

- *National transport productivity framework and targets required*

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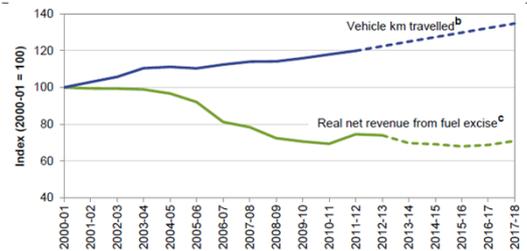
Top 60 Countries of the Logistics Performance Index 2014



Market (Road) Reform

Full market reform must be progressed

Figure 4.1 Road use and fuel excise, 2000-01 to 2017-18^a



Embrace technology

Australia must embrace technology if we are to increase productivity, improve safety, reduce regulatory burden, grow our economy

Developing appropriate regulatory and operational frameworks requires a *national approach*, which is being led by NTC.

NTC is working to ensure that Australia is well placed to take up new technologies:

- telematics, electronic work diaries, more autonomous vehicles

Future Reform – Key Questions

1. What are the fundamental elements of a national productivity framework?
2. What should governments do, or not do, to help and encourage industry to voluntarily adopt new technologies into their everyday businesses?
3. How can we best support the national regulators over the next 3-5 years?

Thank you

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