

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### BLUESCOPE RECOGNISES TRUCKSAFE, AMCAS ACCREDITATION

BlueScope requires a level of assurance that parties in its heavy vehicle supply chain recognised in the Heavy Vehicle National Law comply with the Master Industry Code of Practice. This may be through audit services such as TruckSafe or the Australian Logistics Council Master Code Auditing Service (AMCAS) accreditation.

BlueScope's Health and Safety Manager, Karen Bonenfant, said "BlueScope take our safety responsibilities very seriously and have strong systems in place to ensure the health and wellbeing of our employees, customers, contractors and the community".

"We understand the need to reduce audit duplication with our supply chain partners and also recognise the comprehensive assurance that systems like TruckSafe and AMCAS provides".

"Participation in audits using the Master Industry Code of Practice is a great way to have fresh eyes look at your systems and processes for the purpose of learning and improving. It also provides confidence that we are meeting our chain of responsibility obligations. Duplication of auditing the same systems, however, can be counter-intuitive when it comes to safety, especially for small operators where their time is best spent with their people and in their trucks. A better approach is to share audit findings amongst supply chain partners so we can all support each other to improve," Ms Bonenfant said.

ATA Safety, Health and Wellbeing Director Melissa Weller said the ATA and ALC were working together to reduce audit duplication.

"Audit duplication is costly, time-consuming and diverts resources that are better focused on safety, with audits generally covering the same ground while being of little legal value," Mrs Weller said.

"Streamlined auditing and reduced duplication decreases stress on customers and operators, removing the need to spend extensive time completing audits when they could be spending more time out in their business," she said.

ALC Safety Manager, Karen Bow said members like BlueScope are leading the way in reducing audit duplication and encouraged more businesses to follow their lead.

"Being able to demonstrate that they have been audited against the Master Code shows that operators are meeting their due diligence and duty of care," Ms Bow said.

"It shows customers and the community that they have responsible work practices, well-trained drivers, and risk management systems that keep themselves, their vehicles and the community safe.

"ALC and the ATA look forward to working closely with companies like BlueScope to ensure operators in the supply chain work towards reducing the burden of audit duplication whilst operating safely and responsibly," Ms Bow said.

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**About the Master Industry Code of Practice**

*The Industry Master Code represents an industry-led risk-based safety and compliance framework and provides a set of national standards and procedures developed to assist parties in the chain of responsibility to identify and mitigate risks to meet their obligations under the HVNL. The Industry Master Code is freely available to all heavy vehicle operators and supply chain parties and can also be used in court to highlight known risks and control methods.*

**About TruckSafe**

*TruckSafe is an award-winning accreditation system that has been improving the safety and professionalism of trucking operators nationwide since 1990. TruckSafe provides confidence that operators have responsible work practices, well maintained vehicles, healthy and trained drivers and management systems to meet their transport needs.*

**About AMCAS**

*The Australian Logistics Council Master Code Auditing Service (AMCAS) is a subscriber-based service that the ALC offers to its members and their supply chain partners.*

*AMCAS helps parties in the chain of responsibility audit their compliance with the Master Code for heavy vehicle safety. It is not limited to transport operators. AMCAS is specifically designed to assist others in the supply chain – including retailers, producers, suppliers, distribution centres and logistics businesses – monitor and verify the safety of their transport activities.*