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National Operating Standard Promotes Phased Roll Out Of Mandatory Telematics For Operators Within The Heavy Vehicle National Law

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) says that the inclusion of mandatory telematics into the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) through the adoption of a [National Operating Standard](#) would be best managed through a phased roll-out, segmented by vehicle specifications.

An important element of the standard would be a requirement for operators to collect and keep specified pieces of information using telemetric equipment and services compatible with standards and performance outcomes recognised through the National Telematics Framework.¹

There are clear safety and productivity benefits in requiring the electronic collection of information.

ALC suggests that a simple and effective way to introduce this requirement would be to apply a phased approach over three years from the day of legislation:

- **fatigue-regulated heavy vehicles**² to carry telemetric equipment compatible with standards recognised by the National Telematics Framework 12 months from the day legislation imposing the requirement commences;
- vehicles between 8 and 12 GVM two years from the day the legislation imposing the requirement commences; and
- vehicles between 4.5 and 8 GVM three years from the day the legislation imposing the requirement commences.

The creation of a National Operating Standard offers the opportunity to enhance the safety and productivity outcomes of heavy vehicle operators – key objectives of the HVNL.

The opportunity should be taken to make these amendments to the National Law while we have the opportunity and make the legislation fit for the 2020s and beyond.

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¹ A digital business platform consisting of infrastructure and rules that support an open marketplace of telematics and related intelligent technology providers. For further information see: <https://www.tca.gov.au/ntf/national-telematics-framework>.

² A motor vehicle or combination with a GVM of more than 12 tonnes, or a fatigue-regulated bus, as defined by section 7 of the HVNL.