

# State Committee Meeting February 2024



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# Welcome

- Attendance sheet – please sign
- Trade Practices Protocol
  - All businesses have responsibilities under the Australian Competition and Consumer Act to avoid anti-competitive behaviour.
  - The protocol outlines the requirements under the Act and the steps HVIA takes to discharge its responsibilities including making the protocol available and keeping an attendance list.



# CEO report



**Todd Hacking**  
Chief Executive Officer



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# Revisions to HVIA member meetings



The screenshot shows the HVIA website with a navigation menu at the top: BRISBANE TRUCK SHOW, HVIA TRAINING, ABOUT US, CONTACT. Below the logo, there is a secondary menu: NEWS, EVENTS, ADVOCACY, JOBS & SKILLS, MEMBERSHIP. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: Home » Advocacy » HVIA Calls For Feedback On State Committee Meetings. The article title is "HVIA Calls For Feedback On State Committee Meetings". The article includes a photo of a meeting, a "TALK the TORQUE" subscription box, and a "2025 Brisbane Truck Show Dates Announced!" event announcement.

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## HVIA Calls For Feedback On State Committee Meetings



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by Heavy Vehicle Industry Australia

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WEEKLY INDUSTRY NEWS

### FEATURED NEWS

#### 2025 Brisbane Truck Show Dates Announced!



### FEATURED EVENTS

**Survey seeks member feedback to improve the value and impact of future state committee meetings**

HVIA is surveying members to better understand preferences and availability for its state committee meetings.

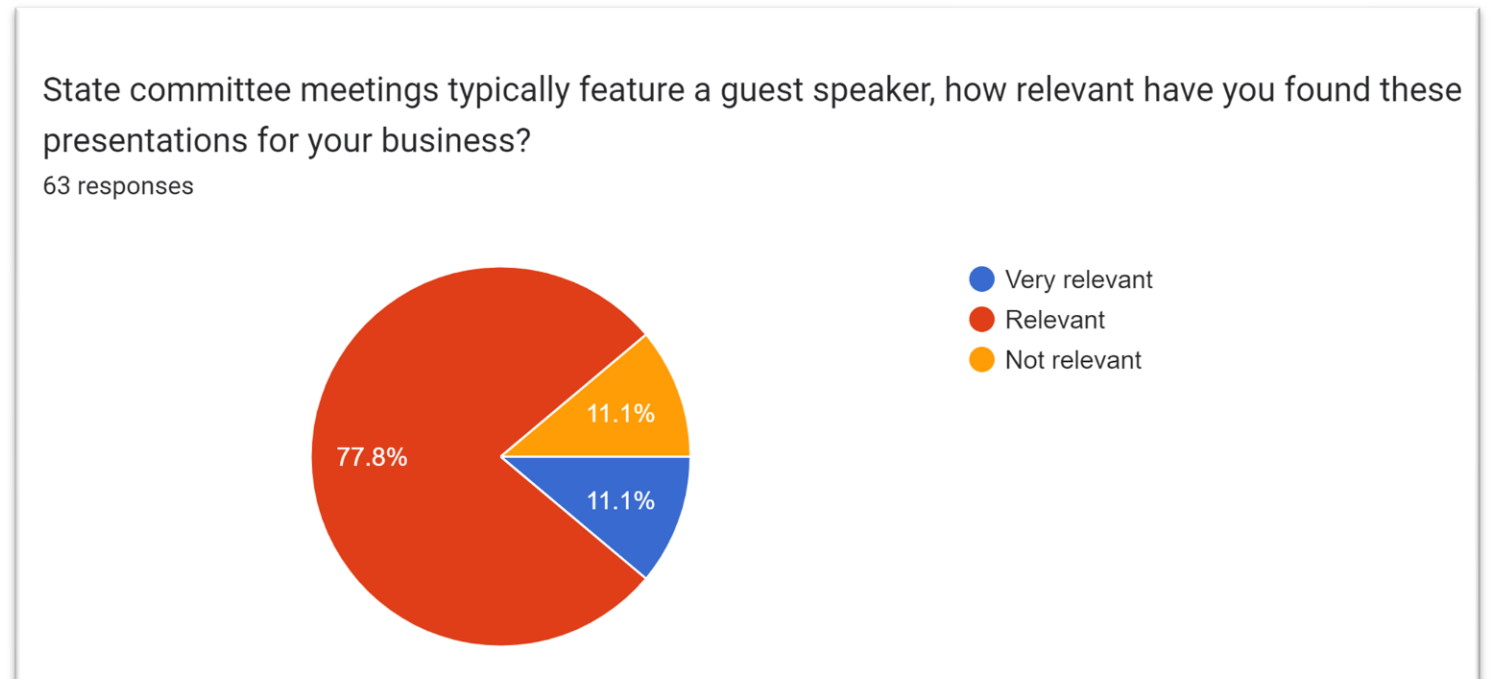
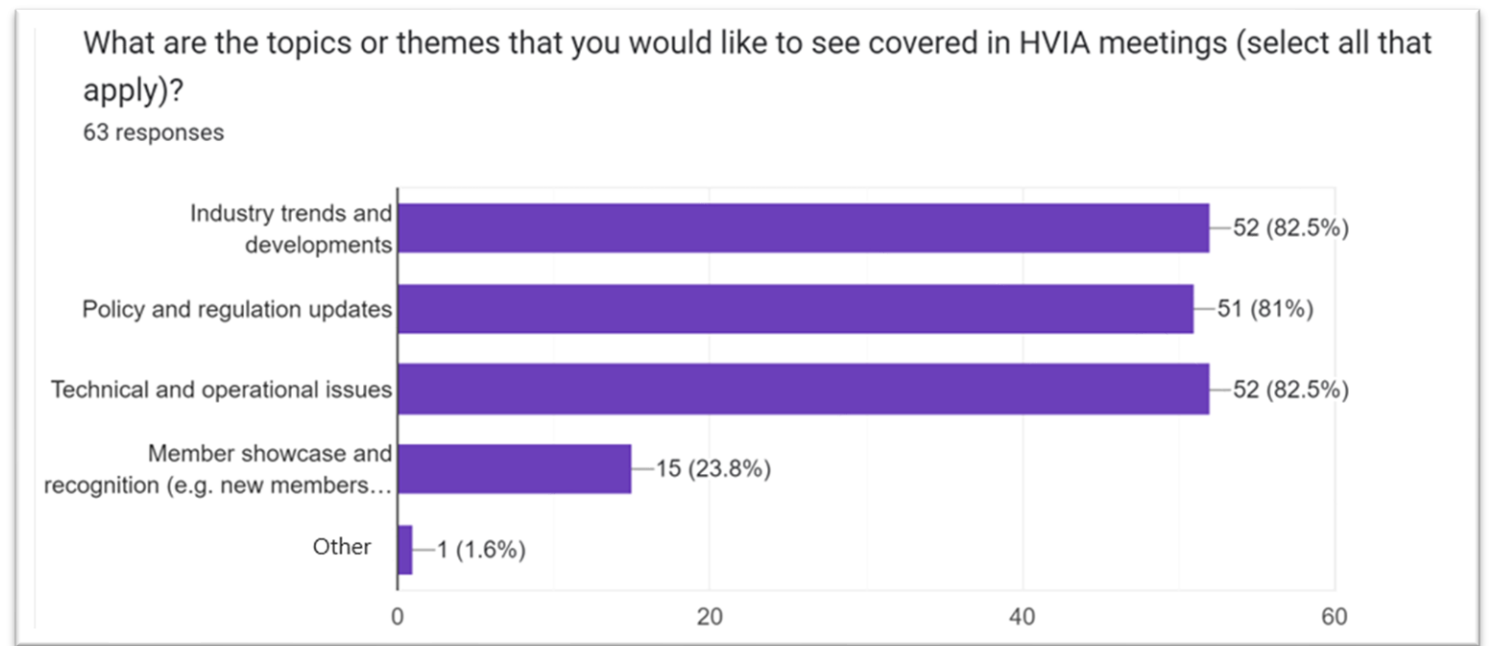
The survey should take no more than five minutes to complete. It is intended for all members, regardless of prior attendance at any HVIA meeting.

HVIA's state committee meetings are an opportunity for all members to network, learn, and contribute to the organisation's activities.

# Survey feedback (part 1)

Positive responses generally on the content, with some room for improvement – especially around:

- awareness of meetings
- networking opportunities
- access to meetings (e.g. online option)



# Survey feedback (part 2)

A significant finding centered on why people didn't attend meetings:

- Didn't realise I could attend **9.5%**
- Unaware of meetings being held **14.3%**
- Location or Distance **31.7%**

What is the preferred format for you to attend HVIA meetings?

63 responses



Having the option to  
join online would be  
great

Need method for  
remote  
access/participation

# Proposed changes

- Expand the reach of how we promote the meetings (e.g. broadcast e-mails to all members)
- Changes to meeting format
  - ‘Regular’ meeting – a 3-hour in-person meeting as per current format. Morning tea and guest speaker. Same locations. Recorded and made available after the conclusion of the final meeting.
  - ‘Online’ meeting – same as the above, but online. Only run once, no repeats. Recorded and made available on conclusion.
  - Networking function – a 2-to-3-hour social event, with an interesting guest speaker. New locations suited to networking/socialising
- Change the meetings names to better reflect their purposes
- Revise the meeting calendar and format to include new meetings

State	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
QLD		Member Forum		Member Forum
NSW	Member Forum (in-person)	Member Forum (online)	Member Forum (in-person)	Member Forum (online)
VIC		HVIA Connect (NSW, WA)		HVIA Connect (QLD, VIC)
WA				



# Advocacy – powered trailers



At the 2023 Brisbane Truck show several members displayed innovative axles

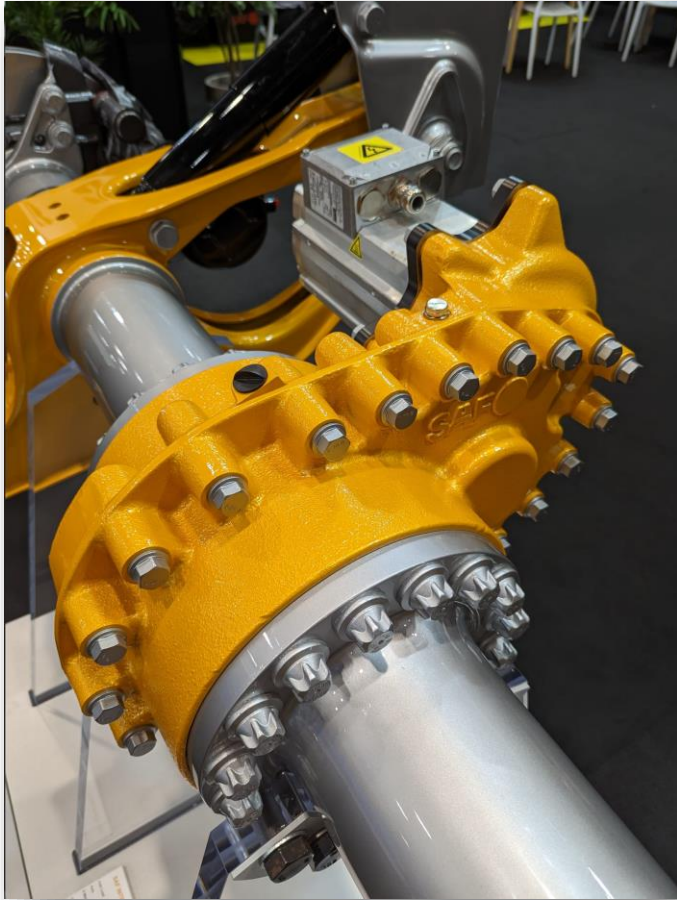
However, if these axles are used to provide motive power they would not currently fit the definition of a trailer under the RVSA. Therefore, they are unable to be provided directly to the Australian market in completed form.

Members can potentially modify an existing trailer to retrofit this technology provided the approvals have been obtained from the on-road regulators.

This is clearly less than ideal – a long-term solution is needed.



# Advocacy – powered trailers



HVIA has discussed this issue with the Department of Infrastructure, NTC, NHVR and WA Transport.

They have acknowledgement that this issue needs to be addressed

Already under discussion in UN forums.

HVIA and DoT in WA developing guidance material to inform manufactures and operators on how to apply for a trial.

HVIA will continue to pursue with DoI and the NTC and NHVR on the required changes to the HVNL and WA & NT legislation.

Interested members should contact Greg or Adam.



# Parliamentary inquiry into EVs

- The Committee will explore requirements for the transition and the impacts of moving away from traditional vehicles.
- Opportunities such as fuel savings and affordability for residents in outer regions.
- Particular focus on the future of EV battery manufacturing, existing auto industry component manufacturers, challenges on electricity consumption and demand, and the limited EV supply pipeline compared to other countries.



*What should interested members do if they'd like to contribute?*



# HVNL review update

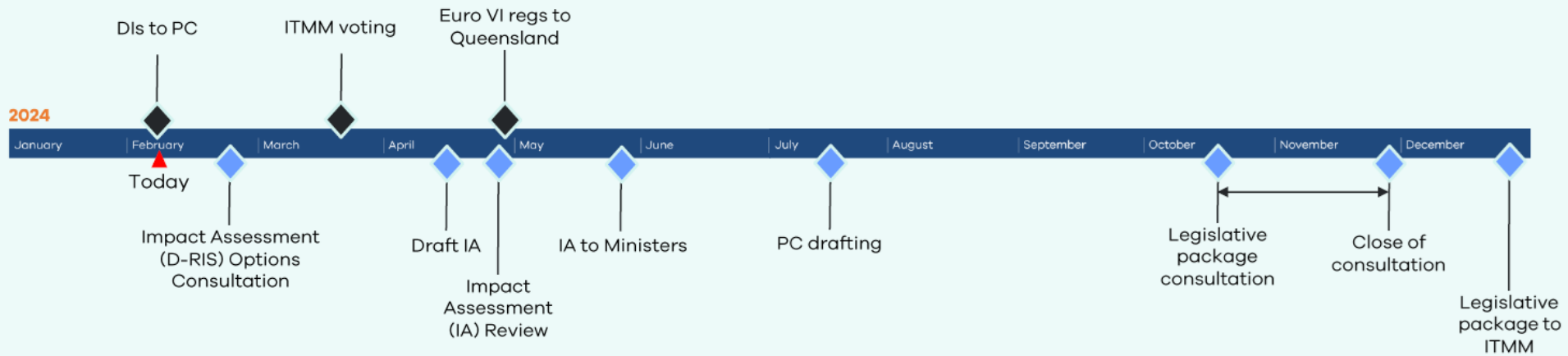
- Ministers have reviewed the timeline and scope for both legislation and consultation
- Supplementary survey focusing on operators
- Penalties Project – feedback 5 March
- Mass limits for Euro VI with Parliamentary Council



# HVNL review update

## Indicative timing

### Euro VI



### HVNL Reform

- *Weekly Working Group meetings to recommence – 25 January*
- *RAC+ Pulse meetings to recommence – 6 February (cadence to be confirmed following survey)*

# HVNL review – penalties



2-phased assessment process,

- priority offences
- every other offence
  
- C-RIS in October

- Disproportionality: Which offences involve penalty amounts that are disproportionately significant compared to the impact of a breach.
- Consistency: Which offences involve penalty amounts that are irrationally inconsistent with other similar offences (in HVNL or non-HVNL settings).
- Deterrence: Which offences involve penalty amounts that should be increased to create a sufficient deterrent.

If interested see 14/2/2024 TtT or contact Greg or Adam



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# VSB6 J4 - update

- VSB6 v3.2 delayed implementation (again) to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024
- HVIA sent the NHVR a package of technical amendments and revisions in Dec (thanks to all members)
- No feedback from the NHVR – proposed the below timeline:
  - by end Feb – NHVR and HVIA jointly agree on revisions
  - by end Mar – issue revisions to industry for comment
  - by end Apr – accept feedback from industry
  - by end May – revise and release final version of VSB6 3.2
  - at 1 Jul – implement revised version





# Pit safety

Under workplace health and safety regulations employers are required to provide a safety working environment.

In the context around heavy vehicle workshop pits are one safety issues which needs to be addressed by our industry.

HVIA, with support of members, has prepared a guide to assist the industry in understanding and managing the safety risks associated with workshop pits.

We are interested in getting feedback from members.



# Remainder of the SFV reforms

- Department of infrastructure 2021 discussion paper
- Identified additional barriers to the supply of safer, more productive, and more efficient vehicles:
  - twin steer axle spacing
  - transition mass for lift axles
  - rear overhang for vehicles with lift axles
  - quad axle groups



# Impacts of width/mass revisions

- Member concerns on unexpected impacts of truck width and axle mass revisions
  - 2.55 metres
  - steer axle mass increases
- May 'unbalance' any local competitive advantage and nullify existing engineering/design expertise
- Contact Adam or Greg if you have similar concerns



# Member update – HVSI project

- HVSI grant series – offered by the NHVR
- Advantia Transport Consulting – Vehicle Specification Envelopes for three common PBS vehicles



# Current Grant Funding Options (if they were cities)



**Other options:**

CEFC  
(VERY large projects –  
i.e. New York)



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# ARENA

ARENA provides funding to invest in cheaper and cleaner transport (previously this was through the *Driving the Nation Fund*).

It targets business fleets, new technologies for heavy and long-distance vehicles, public charging, hydrogen refueling stations and smart charging.

Members are encouraged to reach out to ARENA with ideas. You will need to match funding and have a business case showing ARENA's support will enable pursual of a net zero strategy. Project examples:

- need to buy 15 new trucks and considering purchasing electric
- need to develop charging infrastructure

ARENA is planning on opening new funding in Q2, but they need to know there is interest from our sector before this is guaranteed.



*ARENA is currently accepting expressions of interest, but has no open funding stream at present*



# National Reconstruction Fund (NRF)\*

*\*not the Nation Building Authority*

The NRF has \$15 billion to invest in growing Australia's industrial capabilities.

It focuses on seven key priority areas, including **transport** and **renewables and low emissions technologies**.

The NRF financing options include debt, equity, and guarantees but does not include grants.

The NRF will consider the value of:

- growing industrial capability
- helping industry pursue value-adding opportunities
- decarbonisation
- creating secure jobs and a skilled, adaptable workforce
- boosting supply chain resilience
- commercialising Australian innovation.

Interested members are encouraged to contact the NRF.



*The NRF is currently accepting expressions of interest*



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# Industry Growth Program (IGP)

The \$392 million IGP supports businesses undertaking commercialisation and/or growth projects within the NRF priority areas.

They will provide advisory services and opportunities for matched funding for SMEs.

Available funding:

- grants of \$50,000 to \$250,000 to support early-stage commercialisation projects
- grants of \$100,000 to \$5 million for commercialisation and growth projects.

The IGP supports innovative products, processes or services which are new and unique, or involve significant enhancements of current products, processes or services that will enable the business to scale and transform.

Minor changes or improvements to existing products or services are not considered innovative.



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# National Road Safety Grants Program

The Government is making \$37.6 million available for allocation to projects or activities through the Road Safety Grants across five key areas of activity over three financial years:

1. Community education and awareness, including workplace road safety.
2. Vulnerable road users.
3. First Nations road safety.
4. Technology and innovation.
5. Research and data.



*The grants are currently open and close on **March 31, 2024***



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# Events - TruckShowX

- 2024 theme – *Implementing the Zero Emissions Ecosystem*
- Full speaker program released by end Feb
- Low and Zero Emission driving opportunities, technology exhibits

**TRUCK SHOW X** **IMPLEMENTING THE ZERO EMISSIONS ECOSYSTEM**

**13-14 MAY 2024** CAPE SCHANCK - VICTORIA [truckshowx.com.au](http://truckshowx.com.au)

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# Publications - RoadBoss

- RoadBoss second edition – due soon!
- HVIA's quarterly magazine, website, and socials
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# Guest Speaker – Rob Perkins

- Truck and trailer market data – outlook for 2024



**Rob Perkins**  
Executive Director –  
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