1. The Bill amends the *Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012* (HVNL) to improve safety and productivity in the heavy vehicle transport industry.
2. Amendments to the HVNL would clarify existing requirements, create consistency with national workplace health and safety laws, and further improve national rules and standards that apply to heavy vehicles. A number of provisions would improve roadside enforcement and add clarity to the HVNL, while others are administrative or machinery in nature.
3. The HVNL amendments are part of an ongoing national review and maintenance process, with amendments being made to implement the following nationally agreed reforms:
	* recognising modifications to heavy vehicles approved in non-participating jurisdictions
	* amending National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) statutory functions to expressly specify that the NHVR and authorised officers can provide information, advice and education to duty holders about compliance with their obligations under the law
	* inserting new definitions for advice purposes, vehicle defect notice and minor, major and self-clearing defect notices
	* removing the requirement for road managers to identify, in their reasons, all the documents relevant to their decision to grant or refuse an access permit
	* removing the NHVR’s obligation to automatically provide a statement of reasons for vehicle standards exemption (permits) and access permits given with conditions, or for a period less than that sought. As all permits are issued with at least one condition, there is little benefit to operators as a clear link exists between what has been applied for and the conditions imposed. The NHVR would provide on request a statement of reasons within 28 days.
4. Consequential amendments are also required to the HVNL following assent of the Commonwealth’s *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (RVSA), which replaces the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*. The RVSA was assented to on 10 December 2018 and will commence on 10 December 2019.
5. The RVSA related amendments comprise technical changes to definitions and references in the HVNL to ensure alignment with the RVSA and continued application of Australian Design Rules to in-service vehicles.
6. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill 2019 into the Legislative Assembly.
7. *Attachments*
* [Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill 2019](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)