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RESIGNATION OF RICHARD HANCOCK AS NHVR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chairman of the Australian Trucking Association, David Simon, has wished Richard Hancock well following his resignation as the CEO of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

Mr Simon said Mr Hancock had worked hard to build effective relationships with the trucking industry.

“Richard was a breath of fresh air when he joined the NHVR, because of his strong consultative approach and his willingness to try new techniques for reaching out to trucking operators,” Mr Simon said.

“Richard made an important contribution to untangling many of the problems with the original draft of the Heavy Vehicle National Law. The original draft had more than 1,020 issues. Many of those were fixed before the law came into effect, although there are still serious problems.

“Under Richard’s leadership, the NHVR also tried new ways of talking to trucking operators. We’re a difficult industry to consult, because trucking operators are always busy and small operators are often on the road.

“The NHVR pioneered the use of webinars and YouTube presentations so trucking operators that did not have the time to go to traditional forums could still hear about how the new truck laws were intended to work.

“The ATA supports the NHVR and national truck laws, because we believe it will increase the industry’s productivity and safety over time. It is essential, however, that the NHVR focuses on getting its systems right.

“We will work closely with the NHVR’s Acting CEO, Melinda Bailey, and its incoming CEO when the appointment is made,” he said.

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