



Queensland Transport, Housing and
Local Government Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Committee Members

RE: Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill 2012

We thank the Committee for the opportunity to comment on the changes to the Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill 2012.

By way of background, the Australian Trucking Association (ATA) is the peak body that represents the trucking industry. Its members include the state and sector-based trucking associations, some of the nation's largest transport companies and businesses with leading expertise in truck technology.

ATA supports the Bill in its current state, based on the commitments in the NHVR Forward Work Program. We support a strong, but fair, approach to the chain of responsibility and executive liability provisions. On the issue of penalties, we would support the idea of the current penalty provisions being reviewed some time down the track, so that the more minor offence penalties are in line with deterrence theories, which ensures effectiveness and fairness.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stuart St Clair', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Stuart St Clair

Chief Executive

4 December 2012