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## **Demerit Points Increase for Illegal Mobile Phone Use While Driving**

***Adapted from media release, the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, 17 July, 2018***

The Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Melinda Pavey, has announced that the NSW Government has increased the number of demerit points to be lost from four to five for illegal mobile phone use while driving.

Ms Pavey said this new road safety measure follows a commitment at the launch of the Road Safety Plan 2021 in February to review penalties, develop new road safety advertising and introduce safeguards to improve driver safety in relation to alcohol and drugs, including prescription drugs.

This increase in demerit points follows the introduction of legislation to enable camera-based technology to be used to enforce mobile phone offences.

Ms Pavey said changes will also be made to reduce the risk of driving while impaired by prescription drugs, including clearer guidance on when doctors should report a patient to a Driver Licensing Authority if they have concerns.

Ms Pavey also said that communications will also be enhanced so drivers are aware of the risks and are reminded that driving while impaired by medicines is a serious offence.

Under the measures announced, Ms Pavey said there will also be change to the definition of 'drug' in the Road Safety Act to ensure offenders driving while impaired by a broad range of new and emerging drugs can be charged under the influence

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## **NTC Encourages Drivers to Take Part in Fatigue Research Project**

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***Adapted from media release, National Transport Commission, 19 July, 2018***

The National Transport Commission is encouraging more heavy vehicle drivers to take part in a research project examining heavy vehicle driver fatigue.

NTC Chief Executive Paul Retter said that in collaboration with industry and governments, the NTC is working with the Cooperative Research Centre for Alertness, Safety and Productivity (Alertness CRC) to evaluate the impacts of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) on driver fatigue.

Mr Retter said the industry requires more flexibility in fatigue regulation but before that can happen a better understanding of fatigue and the road safety challenges it represents is required.

He said there is incomparable data on fatigue risks associated with heavy vehicle driving and that robust evidence is needed to underpin any future reforms to fatigue regulations.

Mr Retter said a new NTC video about the research project explores both the real-world and laboratory phases of the study with the view of encouraging more drivers to take part.

"Drivers are vital in helping us understand fatigue. We need more drivers and operators to take up this valuable opportunity to share their experiences," Mr Retter said.

Mr Retter said the research phase of the project is due for completion at the end of 2018 and that the NTC will present findings to transport ministers in May 2019.

Further information is available from [www.ntc.gov.au/heavy-vehicles/safety/heavy-vehicle-driver-fatigue-research-project](http://www.ntc.gov.au/heavy-vehicles/safety/heavy-vehicle-driver-fatigue-research-project).

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## **Turnbull Government Sets Up New Phoenix Hotline**

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***Adapted from media release, Minister for Revenue and Financial Services, the Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP, 16 July, 2018***

The Turnbull Government has established a new Phoenix Hotline to combat the phoenixing activity of dishonest directors and their companies, according to the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services, Kelly O'Dwyer.

Ms O'Dwyer said the new Phoenix Hotline will make it easier to report suspected phoenix behaviour directly to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) so they can pursue those who are doing the wrong thing.

She said employees, creditors, competing businesses and the general public can confidentially provide information or report their concerns about possible phoenix behaviour by calling the Phoenix Hotline telephone 1800 807 875 or online at the [Australian Taxation Office website](http://www.ato.gov.au). She also said their disclosures will be protected by privacy laws and the Government's legislative action in protecting whistleblowers.

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## **Road Freight Industry Set to be Targeted in Black Economy Reforms**

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***Adapted from media release, Minister for Revenue and Financial Services, the Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP, 23 July 2018***

The Minister for Revenue and Financial Services has signalled that the Turnbull Government's intends to announce a further crack down on business activities in the black economy.

Ms O'Dwyer said exposure draft legislation has been released which intends to allow for the expansion of the taxable payment reporting system (TPRS) to the road freight, security and information technology industries.

According to Ms O'Dwyer, payments made to contractors by entities in these industries will have to be reported to the Australian Taxation Office.

She said the Black Economy Taskforce, established by the Turnbull Government, estimated that the black economy could be as large as 3 per cent of GDP in 2017, or approximately \$50 billion a year.

The Black Economy Taskforce found that business competitors and fellow employees can be underbid by those who fail to comply with tax law and a range of regulations that include those governing immigration, workplace practices and state-based licensing rules.

"Honest businesses meeting their tax and other obligations lose out to competitors doing the wrong thing and this encourages others to begin operating in the black economy in order to remain competitive," Ms O'Dwyer said.

The TPRS currently applies in the building and construction, courier and cleaning industries.

Ms O'Dwyer said the exposure draft legislation removes tax deductibility for certain payments – including payment of wages and payments to contractors – if the entity making the payment fails to comply with its obligations to withhold and report information to the Commissioner of Taxation.

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## **Importer Fined \$200,000 for Restraint Breaches During Delivery**

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***Adapted from media release, Minister for Better Regulation, the Hon Matt Kean MP, 23 July 2018***

An importer has been fined \$200,000 after a truck driver was partially crushed and left with permanent injuries.

Minister for Better Regulation Matt Kean said Cosentino Australia Pty Limited was sentenced in the Sydney District Court after the company was found guilty of failing to ensure the health and safety of its workers.

The incident saw the truck driver suffer serious injuries when he was struck by nine stone slabs that fell from an A-frame on a truck after the restraints were removed during delivery, resulting in a significant head injury.

"Tragically, the man now suffers from a permanent cognitive impairment," Mr Kean said.

Last year SafeWork NSW successfully prosecuted 34 offenders and issued 218 penalty notices.

Cosentino Australia has the right to lodge an appeal.

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## **Heavy Vehicle Charges Review Underway**

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***Adapted from media release, Minister for Urban Infrastructure, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, 24 July 2018***

A Regulation Impact Statement looking at options for different ways to set heavy vehicle road user charges has been released for comment, according to the Minister for Urban Infrastructure, the Hon Paul Fletcher.

Mr Fletcher said that Commonwealth, state and territory transport and infrastructure ministers agreed in November 2017 to assess the costs and benefits of independent price regulation and a forward-looking cost base which would provide a more transparent way of setting charges.

Heavy vehicle operators currently pay for access to public roads through the road user charge and vehicle registration, with charges frozen for a number of years.

The current reform process aims to improve customer focus, linking operators' needs with the level of service they receive, the charges they pay and increasing the share of those charges invested back into road services.

Stakeholder feedback on the Regulation Impact Statement will be important in helping to inform a decision by governments on the way forward for heavy vehicle road user charges.

Consultation closes on 31 August 2018. The Regulation Impact Statement is available at <http://www.marsdenjacob.com.au/hvrr-phase-2/>.

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## **SafeWork Australia Issues Guidance on Work-Related Psychological Health and Safety**

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Safe Work Australia has announced the release of guidance on work-related psychological health and safety

According to SafeWork Australia, the guide describes how to build a psychologically healthy and safe workplace by identifying, assessing and controlling risks to workers' mental health.

Dr Peta Miller, Special Adviser for Safe Work Australia, said "(p)oor psychological safety costs Australian organisations \$6 billion per annum in lost productivity. This is primarily because psychological injuries typically require three times more time off work than other injuries. Additionally, workplaces with poor psychological working conditions accrue 43 per cent more sick days per month."

Further information is available on the Safe Work Australia website.

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## **Annual CPI Back Above 2 Per Cent**

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Australia's inflation rate for the year ending 30 June 2018 as measured by the Consumer Price Index has risen to 2.1 per cent, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

A major factor behind the increase in the CPI has been growth in transport costs, which have increased by 5.2 per cent over the year to 30 June.

Aside from diesel prices, transport costs take into account changes in the costs of motor vehicles, parts and maintenance petrol prices and public transport fares.

Strong increases in transport costs were also evident in the three months to 30 June with a 1.6 per cent increase in prices recorded, compared to 0.4 per cent for the CPI.

The Reserve Bank of Australia has as a target an annual CPI of between 2 and 3 per cent.

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## **Transport Certification Australia to Consolidate Heavy Vehicle Rest Area Information**

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***Adapted from media release, Transport Certification Australia, 23 July 2018***

Transport Certification Australia has announced that it is consolidating heavy vehicle rest area information for navigation devices and services used by heavy vehicle drivers in response to calls from industry,

TCA Chief Executive Officer, Chris Konidistiotis, said this work will allow technology providers to incorporate heavy vehicle rest area information through in-cab devices and services.

"The consolidation of heavy vehicle rest area information, which incorporates both formal and informal rest area locations, is long overdue," Mr Konidistiotis said.

Mr Konidistiotis said TCA has initiated two complementary pieces of work:

- Translating rest area location information published by road and transport agencies into a form which can be readily used by technology providers; and
- Working with Rod Hannifey, Road Transport and Road Safety Advocate, to digitally record the locations of informal rest areas.

Australian Trucking Association President, Geoff Crouch, said "(t)he database will benefit truck drivers both in the short term, through better access to information, and in the long term because it will help underpin new rest area guidelines and mandatory service level standards for the road network."

Mr Konidistiotis said TCA will progressively release the provision of consolidated rest area information, and work with stakeholders to promote its availability and use

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## **NHVR Advice: Notices that Must be Carried in NSW**

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The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has issued Notices that must be carried by transport operators operating in NSW.

Further information is available from: [www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/notices-and-permit-based-schemes/state-hvnl-notices/new-south-wales](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/notices-and-permit-based-schemes/state-hvnl-notices/new-south-wales).

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## **Access Maps in Queensland Now on Interactive Queensland Globe**

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*Adapted from advice courtesy, Queensland Trucking Association*

The Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads has announced that approved heavy vehicle routes and restrictions (Multi-combination Route Maps) can now be found on the Queensland Government online interactive tool *Queensland Globe* which converts physical, geographical and spatial data about searched locations into map format.

The recent addition of approved heavy vehicle routes and restrictions will enable operators to identify heavy vehicle routes, create, download and print maps.

Queensland Globe and its mapping tools will eventually phase out the current TMR black and white Multi-combination Route PDF maps.

There will be a transitional period of at least 12 months where both the black and white pdf maps and a link to the Queensland Globe will be available on TMR's website.

The Queensland Globe Help Pages are designed to provide answers to Frequently Asked Questions along with assistance in using the advanced features of the application.

When first accessing Queensland Globe it is advised to 'Take a Tour' to better understand the capabilities of the site - <https://qldglobe.information.qld.gov.au/info/index.html>.

To directly access Queensland Globe, go to <https://qldglobe.information.qld.gov.au>.

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## **Infrastructure Update**

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Significant infrastructure milestones achieved since 10 July include:

- Opening of new heavy vehicle rest areas northbound on the Hume Freeway in Victoria at Bentons Hill, between Wangaratta and Springhurst, and Reef Hills, just south of Benalla.
  - Completion of the upgrade of the Winniya Heavy Vehicle Route between Winniya and the Newell Highway enabling access for B-Doubles and road trains.
  - Extended clearways are now operational in both directions on the following route:
    - From 23 July 2018, Pacific Hwy from Pennant Hills Rd, Wahroonga to Mona Vale Rd, Pymble Rd (both directions):
      - 6am to 7pm on weekdays.
      - 9am to 6pm on weekends and public holidays.
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## **TWUSUPER Employer News, July 2018**

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### **QuickSuper - The easy way to pay**

The QuickSuper clearing house\* is replacing SCH Online\*\* and Employer Access as the single payment option provided to TWUSUPER employers (although you may use another clearing house of your choice).

Registration just takes a few minutes and QuickSuper is free for TWUSUPER registered employers to use. Simply visit [twusuper.com.au/quicksuper](http://twusuper.com.au/quicksuper) to get set up. As always, TWUSUPER's Account Managers are here to help – call **1800 241 877** between 8am and 8pm (AEST/AEDT) weekdays.

TWUSUPER will switch off access to SCH Online and Employer Access in October.

\*The Clearing House is QuickSuper. QuickSuper Online is a financial product operated by Westpac Banking Corporation ABN 33 007 457 141 ("Westpac"). The Trustee is not responsible for and does not accept liability for the products and services of QuickSuper. You should use your own judgment before deciding to use QuickSuper.

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## Single Touch Payroll requirements now here

If you employ 20 or more people, the Government's Single Touch Payroll reporting requirement became mandatory from 1 July 2018. For those of you with fewer employees, you have until 1 July 2019 to implement new requirements.

Under the Single Touch Payroll requirements, the following payments must be reported to the ATO from your payroll solution at the same time employees are paid:

- salaries and wages
- PAYG withholding
- superannuation.

For more detail on the new requirements, go to [twusuper.com.au/stp](http://twusuper.com.au/stp) or call a TWUSUPER Account Manager on **1800 241 877**.

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## Road Works Update

The following road works may impact your operations:

Suburb/Town	Road	Date/s	Work Times
Ashfield	Frederick St at John St and Henry St intersections	14/5-4/9/18	8pm-5am Sun-Fri 10am-3.30pm Mon-Fri (6 shifts only)
Brooklyn-Mooney Mooney	Old Pacific Highway, Peats Ferry Bridge	18/6-14/9/18	7am-6pm Mon-Fri 7am-3pm Sat
Campbelltown	Narellan Rd and Appin Rd	14/6-3/9/18	8pm-5am Sun-Fri 7am-6pm Mon-Fri 7am-1pm Sat
Caringbah	Cnr Kingsway and Gannons Rd	14/5-30/8/18	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Cowan	Pacific Hwy, from 300m south of the Pacific Motorway underpass to 350m south of Glendale Rd.	18/6-17/8/2018	7am-5pm Mon-Fri
Cowan	Pacific Motorway from about 700m south of the Pacific Hwy overpass for about two km north	17/6-28/9/2018	8pm-5am Sun-Sat
Eastern Creek	Intersection Great Western Hwy, Doonside Rd and Brabham Dr	late June-21/12/2018	8pm-5am Sun-Fri 7am-6pm Sat
Glenmore Park - South Penrith	The Northern Rd from Glenmore Parkway to Jamison Rd	5/7-3/9/18	7pm-7am Mon-Sun
Greystanes	Cnr Cumberland Hwy and Merrylands Rd	Till mid 2019	8pm-5am Sun-Fri 7am-6pm Mon-Fri 8am-1pm Sat
Homebush-Haberfield	Various locations on Parramatta Rd. Includes lane closures and road closures at some intersections.	Till early 2019	
Liverpool	Cnr Hume Hwy, Copeland St, Hoxton Park Rd and Macquarie St and cnr Hume Hwy and Rose St	25/6-31/8/18	8pm-5am Sun-Fri

Mascot	Gardeners Rd from Kent Rd to O’Riordan St. Gardeners Rd, eastbound traffic reduced to one lane from Kent Rd to O’Riordan St. One left hand turning lane from Gardeners Rd onto Bourke Rd eastbound will remain open. Right hand turn from Gardeners Rd westbound onto Bourke Rd removed. Drivers can turn right at O’Riordan St to access Bourke Rd. Access to all nearby businesses will be maintained during the works.	Till early 2020	
Mascot/Botany – Airport East project	Botany Rd, Mill Pond Dr, Wentworth Ave, Hardie St, Beresford St, General Holmes Dr and Joyce Dr	Ongoing	7am-6pm Mon-Fri 8am-1pm Sat 9am-5pm 5 nights/week 1pm-6pm Sat – new rail bridge site near Botany Rd only
Mays Hill to Lapstone	M4 Motorway from Pitt St, Mays Hill and Russell St, Lapstone.	2/7 to 28/9/18	6pm-7am Sun-Fri. 7am-6pm Mon-Fri 8am-1pm Sat
Narrabeen	Deep Ck Bridge, Wakehurst Parkway, from Caley Trail to Elanora Rd.	28/5-26/10/18	7am-5pm Mon-Fri 8am-1pm Sat
North Richmond	Intersection Bells Line of Road/Terrace Rd and Grose Vale Rd	2/7-29/9/18	7pm-7am Sun-Fri. 7am-7pm Mon-Fri 8am-1pm Sat
Prospect	Cnr Great Western Hwy and Blacktown Rd	10/6-30/11/18	8pm-5am Sun-Fri 7am-6pm Mon-Fri 7am-1pm Sat
Zetland-Botany	Southern Cross Dr from Link Rd to Botany Rd	6/6-26/10/18	8pm-5am Sun-Fri. 7am-6pm Mon-Fri 8am-1pm Sat

## ARTIO NSW Events

ARTIO NSW will hold the following event in August:

- Tuesday, 14 August – Breakfast Briefing, Breakfast Point Country Club, 72 Village Dr, Breakfast Point:
  - *Understanding the New Load Restraint Guide*, guest speaker Mike Robertson, Managing Director and Engineering Manager, Engistics; and
  - *Effective Management to Reduce Workers Compensation Costs*, guest speakers, Robert Wood, Managing Director and Craig Simpson, General Manager, WCD Consulting.

Further information is available from the ARTIO NSW secretariat, contact Hugh McMaster, tel: 0412 880861, email: [hughmc@artionsw.com.au](mailto:hughmc@artionsw.com.au).

## Economic and Industry Indicators

Indicator/Source <sup>1</sup>	As at	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Annual % Variation
GDP latest quarter (ABS)	Mar Qtr 2018	\$m	436,388	2.8
CPI (ABS)	Jun Qtr 2018	Per cent		2.1
Cash rate (RBA)	Current	Per cent	1.5	
Estimated residential population (ABS)	29 June 2018	Million	24.986	1.9

<sup>1</sup> ABS – Australian Bureau of Statistics; RBA – Reserve Bank of Australia; AIP – Australian Institute of Petroleum; FCAI – Federated Chamber of Automotive Industries; TIC – Truck Industry Council/’Prime Mover’ latest issue.

Retail turnover (ABS)	May 2018	\$m	26,645	2.8
Actual new capital expenditure (ABS)	Mar Qtr 2018	\$m	29,873	4.1
Inventories held by private business (ABS)	Mar 2018	\$m	156,868	0.2
Dwelling unit approvals (ABS)	May 2018	Number	18,114	0.4
Manufacturers Income (ABS)	Mar 2018	\$m	83,550	3.7
TEUs Port Botany (NSW Ports)	11 months ending May 2018	Number	2,396,097	7.3
Employed persons (ABS)	Jun 2018	Million	12.563	2.6
Unemployment rate(ABS)	Jun 2018	Percentage	5.5	-0.2
Wage price Index (ABS)	Mar Qtr 2018	Per cent		
All employees				2.1
Transport, postal and warehousing				1.7
New motor vehicle sales (FCAI)	Mar 2018	Number	106,988	1.5
Cab Chassis/Prime Mover Sales (TIC)	5 months ending May 2018	Number	13,293	24.5
Vans (TIC)	5 months ending May 2018	Number	2446	9.4
AIP Terminal Gate Price-Diesel-Sydney	25 July 2018	Cents/litre incl. GST	131.6	22.0

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