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Road Transport Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2018 – Transitional Closure of the Federal Interstate Registration Scheme

The NSW Parliament has passed the *Road Transport Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2018*. This Bill passed through NSW Parliament on 22 May and awaits Royal Assent.

The objects of this Bill include to:

- Amend the *Road Transport Act 2013* and the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2017* to recognise national number plates for heavy vehicles.
- Make minor amendments to the *Heavy Vehicle (Adoption of National Law) Act 2013* in anticipation of proposed amendments to the Heavy Vehicle National Law set out in the Schedule to the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland in relation to the national scheme for the registration of heavy vehicles.

From 1 July 2018, FIRS will commence transitional closure, with FIRS registered vehicles garaged in NSW, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the ACT able to change to a National Heavy Vehicle registration plate.

Members who have a FIRS vehicle garaged in Victoria can access the National Heavy Vehicle plate from 1 October 2018.

FIRS vehicles garaged in WA or the NT will move on to the WA or NT registration plate as these jurisdictions will not be rolling out the National Heavy Vehicle plate.

Under these proposed arrangements there will be **no obligation** to hand in FIRS plates, rather they will be phased out when:

- A new heavy vehicle is registered.
- An unregistered vehicle is re-registered (contact a transport authority customer service centre in your state or territory for details about the particular conditions that apply in your jurisdiction).
- A state or territory registration is transferred to a participating jurisdiction.
- A lost, damaged, destroyed or stolen number plate is replaced.

There will be a nationally consistent fee of \$25 per set of national heavy vehicle plates. A trailer plate will be treated as a set.

Further information on registration is available on www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/registration/national-heavy-vehicle-plates.

Further Information

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