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Dear Chair

Thank you for the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs' provision of Scrutiny Report 7 of 17 June 2025. I am responding in relation to the Committee's comments about the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Amendment 2024* (the regulation) and the request for advice about what, if any, steps were taken to advise affected parties of the amendments having taken effect.

The *Heavy Vehicle National Law* (HVNL) and regulations under it are administered, monitored, and enforced by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR). The ACT transitioned the last services it provided under the HVNL to the NHVR on 1 July 2019. As such, while the HVNL and regulations apply in the ACT, ACT directorates and officials have very limited involvement in administering the HVNL or interactions with those regulated by it.

As such the ACT was not involved in advising those affected by the relaxation of mass limits applying to Euro VI / ADR 80/04 compliant vehicles.

Most of the official advice was managed by the NHVR with advice to operators and an information sheet published on its website. Industry associations were involved throughout the development of the regulation and would have advised members of the changes. Manufacturers and suppliers of Euro VI / ADR 80/04 compliant vehicles would also have advised customers/prospective customers

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of the increased mass limits applicable to those vehicles. There were also multiple articles published by the heavy vehicle media about the increased mass limits.

Noting the Committee's comment about the time between the publication of the regulation on the NSW Legislation Register and tabling the regulation in the Legislative Assembly, the ACT election occurred during that period meaning there were fewer sitting days in the later period of 2024 than would occur in a non-election year. As the Committee has noted, the regulation was tabled within the required time and did not apply retrospectively.

Thank you for the Committee's work. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tara Cheyne', with a stylized, flowing script.

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