



CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY (HVNL) POLICY P3.0347.2

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DIRECTORATE: Customer and Corporate Strategy

BRANCH: Safety and Risk

CATEGORY: 1

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) imposes a duty upon all people in the supply chain who have direct or indirect influence or control over heavy vehicle road transport operations, to ensure the safety of those operations. People in this supply chain are referred to as being part of the “Chain of Responsibility” or CoR. This is because each and every one of them has a separate and distinct responsibility, as part of this chain, to promote the safety of transport operations within their sphere of control.
- 1.2. The purpose of this policy is to establish Camden Council’s commitment to safety and compliance with the requirements of the Chain of Responsibility as it applies to Council’s heavy vehicle road transport activities.

2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to all Councillors, Council Workers, contractors, and volunteers at Council who have a role in the Chain of Responsibility.
- 2.2. This policy applies to all Council road transport activities that involve the operation of road vehicles with a gross vehicle mass (GVM) of over 4.5 tonnes.

3. Policy Statement

3.1. Principles

3.1.1. Camden Council will take reasonably practicable steps to ensure the safety of its heavy vehicle road transport operations by taking a risk-based approach and maintaining systems and processes to manage transport safety, including:

- Speed
- Mass
- Dimension
- Vehicle Standards and Maintenance

- Fatigue Management
- Load Restraint

3.1.2. Compliance with these systems and processes will be monitored, audited and reported regularly to the Executive Leadership Group (ELG).

3.1.3. Those in the Chain of Responsibility will be identified and trained in the responsibilities that are relevant to their role(s) under the HVNL. These roles will include:

- contracting, directing, or employing drivers, & engaging service or repairers
- procuring the purchase and/or hire of heavy vehicles and equipment
- preparing or packing goods for transport
- loading goods onto a vehicle
- managing loading operations
- consigning goods to be, or receiving goods having been, transported by road
- scheduling and completing maintenance and repair of heavy vehicles and equipment
- scheduling and directing the use of vehicles and drivers

3.1.4. The Chain of Responsibility (HVNL) Procedure outlines Council's framework for the safe operation of heavy vehicles

3.1.5. Compliance with Chain of Responsibility legislative requirements is the responsibility of all parties in the supply chain to ensure the safety of the public and employees.

3.1.6. Council takes our Chain of Responsibility obligations seriously. Any breach of this Policy and its supporting processes and Procedures may result in disciplinary action.

4. Related Materials

4.1. Related Legislation

- Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL)
- Heavy Vehicle (General) National Regulation
- Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation
- Heavy Vehicle (Registration) National Regulation
- Heavy Vehicle (Fatigue Management) National Regulation
- Heavy Vehicle (Vehicle Standards) National Regulation

4.2. Related Policies, Procedures and Other Guidance Material

- Work Health and Safety Policy
- Safety Assurance Management Plan
- Chain of Responsibility (HVNL) Procedure
- WHS Risk Management Procedure
- Safety Occurrence Reporting & Investigation Procedure
- Safety Audit Procedure

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