

Minutes

Road Freight Industry Council (RFIC) - Sub operational group meeting

Date 11 August 2011 **Time** 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Place Large Conference Room Level 5, Transport House

Chair Mark Mitchell

Minute taker Belinda Gorrie

Attendees

Anne Roseler - DTMR	Eric Danzi - Canegrowers
Ross Berry - DTMR	Jim Davey - NPVDA
Les Bruzsa - DTMR	Tim Knowles - QTA
Peter Caprioli - DTMR	Melinee Leather - AgForce
Mandy Haldane - DTMR	Paul Neylan - LCR Group
Russell Hoelzl - DTMR	Rick Ralph - WCRAQ
Mark Mitchell - DTMR	Simon Wade - Boral
Amanda Power - DTMR	Warwick Williams - DTMR
Martin Woods - DTMR	

Apologies

Geoffrey McMillan - DTMR	Paul Alsbury - DTMR
Neil Englund - DTMR	Bob Dudley - TLCS
Phil Russell - RBR T/port	Robyn Heap - BP Australia
Darryl Morrison - DTMR	Grant Spowles - Qld Police
John Burrill - DTMR	Gary Willoughby - LTAQ
Ricardo Krauss - DTMR	

Welcome and Apologies

Mark Mitchell welcomed everyone and noted apologies as listed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of previous RFIC Sub Operational group Meeting dated 19 May 2011 were noted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Agenda - Outstanding actions from last meeting

Action item 1

Completed

2.2 Overview - Penalties and Sanctions in Queensland

John Calomiris gave an overview of the information sessions regarding Penalties and Sanctions in Queensland, conducted by Heavy Vehicle Safety Systems Unit around the State from the 4th April to 14th April 2011.

Action – A copy of the three presentations to be e-mailed members for information.

Outcome – Documents were emailed to the group.

Action item 2

Dealt with under agenda item 6

2.2 Form 4 Layout - Form 4 Layout

Jim Davey raised that Form 4 needs to be more easily understood, written in plain English. Grant Sprowles suggested that perhaps not changing Form 4 but produce a user guide, or a how to manual.

Action – Mark Mitchell to progress 'plain English' review of the Form 4 document prior to the next RFIC Operational Sub-Committee meeting.

Action item 3

Completed

3.4 RFIC Membership - Membership

Mark Mitchell outlined that correspondence would be forwarded to current committee members to see if we have the right composition and mix of members for the group.

Action – Mark Mitchell to send correspondence to members in relation to membership and composition of the group

Outcome – Letter sent to members

Standing agenda items

Agenda item 1 Heavy Vehicle Regulator Update – Queensland implementation of Penalties and Sanctions.

Martin Woods gave an update on the HVR Project.

- HVR Legislation process & Operational Policy
- Public draft sent out and the bill has been updated and is progressing through final stages of review.
- 1st bill to set up frame work and give authority to Regulator and 2nd bill to finalise details and make changes that were not able to be updated in the 1st bill timeframe.

Operational Policy development – update on what is happening

Fairly high level at the moment, working on business case for moving to finer detail for Operational Policy documents by November.

General Business

Agenda item 2 Flood Legacy – FRAAG - State-wide Permits

Warwick Williams gave an update on the State-wide Permits and Flood Recovery efforts.

- timber removal from cyclone Yasi in Far North Queensland progressing well 1.6 million tonnes to Port of Townsville.
- TONCS half a million tonnes to Lucinda and Townsville Ports. Still chasing MC drivers.

Flood commission enquiry

- looking into 131940 info site
- working group in preparation for next storm season
- higher risk of fire this season
- above average rainfall predicted for Far North Queensland

Live exports

- critical - Closure of live export to Indonesia; assisting industry with HVRAP support and opening routes from Far North Queensland south looking at alternatives to assist with the supply chain within Australia while export not allowed.
- Melanie Leather raised concerns regarding live export never to be started again. Warwick advised that the industry and Department are looking into how the state-wide road network can be opened and repaired to assist with the movements.

State-wide Permits

- good to have Police, DTMR and QR in the same office for issuing permits. Operational office only, turnaround times to be faster. In the planning stage now expected to be operational around Dec. Engage with industry on a deeper level to bring information out quicker and more accurately.

Action – Nil

Item – CLOSED

Agenda item 3 Dogwood Creek Bridge – Strengthened to support industry

Mark Mitchell reported that the Dogwood Creek Bridge upgrade has been completed. A handout was provided to the meeting.

Action – Nil

Item – CLOSED

Agenda item 4 IAP Update

Amanda Power gave an update on IAP.

- HML monitoring, PBS & NSFV monitoring
- Correspondence to operators and feedback from operators on the self declaration is going well.
- Class 1 & 2 Cranes on Period permits being monitored and is going well.
- Class 3 taking more time to implement due to restrictions and checking routes through BAM and internal processes.

Action – Nil

Item – CLOSED

Agenda item 5 Jim Davey requested - the meeting be provided with an update as to the proposed road works on the Bruce Highway and what impact these work will have on the movement of Overmass/Oversize loads. – at the meeting Jim Davey amended the request specifying the area he was interested in was between Gin Gin and Miriam Vale (advice was given after the meeting using the current condition database printout).

- Ross Berry gave a talk on how to find the conditions database and gave a handout with the website details and instruction listed.
- Tim Knowles brought up the need for better alternatives to be made if a truck stop is to be closed for roadworks due to tight restrictions on fatigue management for drivers.

Action – Nil

Item – CLOSED

Agenda item 6 Form 4 - Action – Mark Mitchell to progress 'plain English' review of the Form 4 document prior to the next RFIC Operational Sub-Committee meeting.

Update given on the progress for the Form 4 amendments.

- Some of the content to be changed but not the policy.
- Making it more user friendly.
- A printout of the proposed changes was handed out at the meeting

Action – DTMR HVA to email out draft changes for feedback from members.

Item: OPEN

Agenda item 7 Membership of RFIC – Operational Group

Mark Mitchell outlined that correspondence was forwarded to the current committee members to gather feedback to see if there is the right composition and mix of members for the group and to gather feedback on how to improve the meetings.

Action – Members to respond with feedback and advice to the Chair.

Item: OPEN

New Business

10 minutes

New Business PBS Routes Approvals and Current Assessments

item 1

Mandy Haldane gave an update of new PBS routes that have been approved and routes that RAT are currently assessing.

Action – Nil

Item: CLOSED

New Business Harmonisation of Pilot and Escort Vehicle Driver Requirements

item 2

Russell Hoelzl spoke about the requirements and how they are changing.

Action – Nil

Item: CLOSED

Meeting closed

Next meeting

Thursday 10 November 2011