



MINO-790 Front Axle Mass limits

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Waka Kotahi has been asked to provide input on the advice from Te Manatū Waka relating to potential changes to front axle mass limits.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

Waka Kotahi is comfortable with the advice provided by Te Manatū Waka but have some minor changes which have been outlined below.

You asked if officials saw any merit in looking at a sub group of the Clean Car Leadership Group that focused on heavy vehicles, or whether there were any alternatives

Officials see merit in working closely with industry on accelerating the transition to zero emissions heavy vehicles. Establishing an overarching leadership group and/or reference/working groups is something that has been raised in previous engagement workshops with the sector last year. Specific areas of focus for engagement has been on including incentives, issues that relate to regulatory barriers such as the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimension and Mass 2016, and recent submissions on the national charging strategy have called for a reference group to work together on heavy BEV charging. Establishing an industry/govt group on road freight decarbonisation had been included in an initial proposal as an action in implementing the Freight and Supply Chain Strategy (OC 23018 refers), but was not included in final list of actions due to prioritisation of existing resource and budget. Officials see it as important to look at the function of such a group/s, before considering the form and would need to do some more work before we can advise on more fully on what this could look like.

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Our current work:

- We have included beginning work to review the heavy vehicle regulatory framework as a year one priority action of the Aotearoa Freight and Supply Chain Strategy. We note that this work will need to be done with Waka Kotahi as they hold the subject matter and technical expertise, and are responsible for progressing any potential rule changes.
- We recently gave advice to the office (also attached FYI) ahead of Minister Wood's meeting with Minister Woods that we could aim with the intent of having this work completed by mid-2025, however would not know until detailed scoping had taken place with Waka Kotahi
- We are currently working with Waka Kotahi to understand how/when this work can get started, in light of other priorities for regulatory work across the Ministry and Waka Kotahi.