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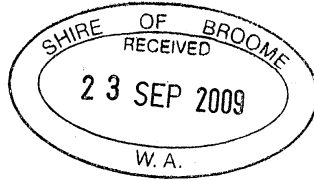
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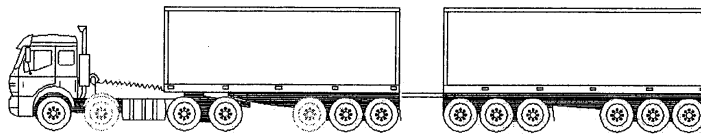
Dear Mr Donohoe

ESTABLISHMENT OF CONCESSIONAL LOADING ROUTE NETWORKS

In 2006, Main Roads with the assistance of Local Government developed Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) permit networks. The permit network approach to road access management replaced the earlier operator focussed system of issuing individual or regional approvals. The new RAV permit networks have been accepted by industry and road owners as being a fairer more equitable system of road management.

Main Roads has reviewed the access arrangements for concessional loading and believe that a similar network approach would be beneficial, providing equitable access to concessional loading routes for all operators. Main Roads' current practice is to issue Concessional Loading Bulk Product Scheme (CLBPS) permits to individual transport operators on specific routes between fixed loading and unloading points for specific products.

As a point of explanation, the CLBPS allows an additional 3.5 tonnes mass on all tri axle groups in a vehicle combination; increased mass is not allowed on other axle groups. For example, a 27.5 metre pocket road train with a twin steer axle and a six axle dog trailer would have a maximum gross combination mass (GCM) of 87.5 tonnes at standard axle mass loadings. The same vehicle loaded to CLBPS mass limits would have a GCM of 98 tonnes (an additional 3.5 tonnes on each of the three tri axle groups in the combination). The diagram below shows the vehicle type referred to in the example.



Over the years, you have requested that Main Roads approve the use of selected roads under your care for use by concessionally loaded vehicles. As a result, Main Roads has issued CLBPS permits to a number of operators for a variety of different products and vehicles.

Main Roads is seeking your assistance to develop concessional loading networks based on these individual approvals. You may recall Main Roads sought your assistance in a similar manner when developing the existing RAV Period Permit networks.



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It should be noted that the current CLBPS route networks will not be extended as part of this process. The new concessional loading network will only include those routes currently approved for concessional loading. Routes currently approved for a particular vehicle configuration will be restricted to that vehicle type. The purpose is to develop a network of concessional loading routes available to all operators for all products; the exception to this will be the development of a stand alone concessional loading route network for grain.

The access controls currently available to road owners under the RAV permit network system will also apply to concessional loading permit network routes. Road owners may control access by imposing conditions such as curfews or speed restrictions; additionally, you may impose a condition requiring a letter of approval issued by you to the operator to be carried in the cab of the vehicle. It is not Main Roads' intention to approve concessional loading on any routes that are not available to all operator, it is however, recognised that road owners may wish to impose specific conditions on access.

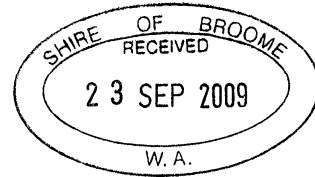
The table below lists roads that are currently approved by your Local Government for concessional loading. If you support the inclusion of these roads into concessional loading networks you need take no further action. If you wish to withdraw support for concessional loading on any of these roads please notify Main Roads by 15 December 2009. The concessional permits will be amended accordingly and the affected operator(s) notified. It may prove advantageous to confer with neighbouring LGAs on the matter where roads cross your boundaries.

If you require any further information please contact me on 9311 8450.

Yours sincerely



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CURRENTLY APPROVED CLBPS ROUTES

0001	CABLE BEACH RD WEST	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0002	GUY ST	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0005	GUBINGE RD	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0006	SANCTUARY RD	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0037	FREDERICK ST	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0038	MACPHERSON ST	0.00	0.15	CLS BULK PRODUCTS - DOUBLE ROAD TRAIN
0047	COGHLAN ST	0.00	0.20	CLS BULK PRODUCTS - DOUBLE ROAD TRAIN
0066	HAYNES ST	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0067	HUNTER ST	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0081	BUCKLEYS RD	0.00	1.65	CLS BULK PRODUCTS - TRIPLE ROAD TRAIN OPERATION
0085	BLACKMAN ST	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0087	ARCHER ST	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0114	CLEMENTSON ST	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0115	MCDANIEL RD	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0118	DE CASTILLA	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0154	REID RD	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0219	FAIRWAY DRIVE	0.00	1.23	CLS BULK PRODUCTS - TRIPLE ROAD TRAIN OPERATION
0222	CABLE BEACH RD EAST	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0248	LULLFITZ DR	0.00	0.00	COUNTRY ARTICULATED CONCESSIONAL IMPORT /EXPORT
0319	PORT DR	0.00	2.80	CLS BULK PRODUCTS - DOUBLE ROAD TRAIN