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Dear Dr Bean

I refer to your correspondence to the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads about the mandating of side underrun protection (SUP) on heavy vehicles. As you may be aware, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is responsible for the in-service regulation of heavy vehicles in Queensland, therefore your correspondence was referred to the NHVR for consideration and direct reply.

As advised in our previous correspondence, the mandating of SUP on heavy vehicles has previously been considered by the federal Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities but was not progressed as there was not a sufficient benefit-cost ratio (BCR). As you have correctly indicated, when undertaking a regulatory impact assessment, the data that is used is only current at the time the assessment is made, and as time progresses this data may change and affect the assessment. To ensure your concerns are considered, I have provided a copy of your correspondence to the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities for their consideration.

I am pleased to advise that as part of our work to promote the uptake of safer heavy vehicles into the fleet, the NHVR will soon commence work to develop a heavy vehicle fleet purchasing policy. This policy will outline to operators the safety features and technologies that are available, the safety risks they can help mitigate and the sectors of the industry that would most benefit from these features and technologies. I have asked the Vehicle Safety and Performance team to ensure that the fitting of SUP is considered when developing this policy.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should you require any further information, please contact Mr Peter Austin, Manager (Vehicle Safety and Performance) on 07 3309 8561 or by email at peter.austin@nhvr.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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