

POSITION STATEMENT

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CANEGROWERS



Transport

OBJECTIVE

To ensure economic access for agricultural vehicles to state-controlled roads.

POSITION

Both the State and Federal governments are continually reviewing legislation and regulations relating to transport.



Often proposals come forward that are impractical to implement, which may not necessarily improve workplace health and safety but which may impact negatively on the viability of enterprises.

There is uncertainty between the jurisdiction of the road managers (Regional Councils and state Departments of Transport and Main Roads), the Queensland Police Service, and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator which leads to confusion on access issues for sugarcane growers.

CANEGROWERS has been working with these organisations to seek solutions to the problems involved with the movement of equipment on public road for use in cane growing and harvesting.

ISSUES

- Agricultural vehicle sizes are generally increasing, meaning more issues are likely to arise with oversize vehicles.
- The permitting system is inefficient and is in the process of being transferred to NHVR with an uncertain outcome.

ACTIONS

- Ensure Queensland Government agencies and the Police Service work with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to provide an efficient and effective permitting system.
- Continue to work with industry to provide road access for oversize agricultural vehicles.
- Require the Department of Transport and Main Roads to cooperate with the NHVR to provide access to state-controlled roads through the harmonisation process. ■

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