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Forestry Log Haulage Code of Practice commences final review and consultation process

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) has begun the final stages of its review before registration of the Forestry Log Haulage Code of Practice (LHC) and has today commenced a 28 day public consultation period.

Across a three year process, the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) developed the LHC to support industry to improve safety outcomes and drive best practice in log haulage. The Australian Forest Contractors Association (AFCA) was responsible for leading the work, which included a consultative engagement process that allowed the industry to review and provide feedback throughout the development of the LHC.

In December 2019, AFPA Growers Chamber members unanimously endorsed the LHC, which was then submitted to NHVR. It has subsequently undergone a minor revision following initial feedback from the NHVR.

Ms Stacey Gardiner, General Manager, AFCA, said, "The NHVR has advised AFCA today that it has commenced the final stages of the registration process, which includes seeking public comment on the draft. Feedback from industry submitted to the NHVR will be considered by an independent assessment panel of experts as part of their review of the LHC."

"I encourage all those who took part in the development of the LHC to consider submitting feedback as part of the NHVR 28 day public consultation process" Ms Gardiner added.

Dr Andrew Jacobs, AFPA Growers Chamber Chair, said, "I am pleased that after many years of consultative work that we are in the final stages of this process. I encourage people to review the draft code that's presented and to provide comment where needed so we can move to standardise log haulage across the industry."

Following the Independent Assessment Panel's deliberations, they are expected to make recommendations to the NHVR CEO for consideration which is the final step before registration.

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Note: Visit the NHVR website [here](#) to view the LHC and details of the public consultation process.

