



Media Release

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AFCA's Forestry Haulage Gap Analysis System endorsed to improve heavy vehicle safety

The Australian Forest Contractors Association's (AFCA) Forestry Haulage Gap Analysis System will receive key funding through the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's (NHVR) Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative, supported by the Federal Government.

The Forestry Haulage Gap Analysis System will allow for industry participants to effectively understand their relative transport risks resulting from the industry-endorsed Forestry Log Haulage Registered Code of Practice (under active consideration by NHVR for registration) and the actions that are required to reduce these risks. This project is one of 28 successful heavy vehicle safety initiatives to receive funding from \$5.2 million in Round 6 of the HVSI.

AFCA's General Manager Ms Stacey Gardiner said "the HVSI funding would enable AFCA to deliver the Forestry Haulage Gap Analysis System, and improve heavy vehicle safety for forest contracting businesses, their drivers and loaders and the industry supply chain.

Ms Gardiner said "It is important that we support forestry contracting businesses to understand and implement the Code to manage their risks and the Forestry Haulage Gap Analysis System development is proposed to support them to effectively understand their relative transport risks resulting and suggest actions to reduce these risks".

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocitto said the HVSI program supported key initiatives that deliver tangible safety improvements for the heavy vehicle industry and all road users.

"The grants enable the NHVR, local governments, industry and other stakeholders to develop innovative solutions to achieve a shared goal of safer drivers, safer vehicles and safer road use for all Australians.

"I look forward to working with AFCA to deliver the Forestry Haulage Gap Analysis System and improve road safety for everyone."

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