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REMINDER: 14 DAY WORK CYCLE PARTICIPANTS SOUGHT

The ALRTA urges members who are interested in fortnightly work cycle to lodge an expression of interest with the NHVR now. NHVR recently announced the initiative as part of a proposed Livestock and Rural Transporters Fatigue Management Scheme (LRTFMS) to commence by the end of the year. ALRTA has been pushing hard to get this in place and we need your support now to make it happen. Details are available in the [information sheet](#).

160KM LOG BOOK EXEMPTION SHOULD BE NATIONALISED

The ALRTA wrote to the NHVR this week seeking nationalisation of the 160km radius log book exemption for rural carriers which is already in place in NSW and QLD. The exemption is a common sense approach to reducing paperwork for 'local' drivers in rural and regional areas where congestion is lower, average speed limits higher and the economic base spread over a larger area than urban or metropolitan centres. The primary aim of the Heavy Vehicle National Law is to reduce or remove regulatory differences between States and we have argued strongly that the 160km exemption in NSW and QLD is a prime candidate for national application.

ESCAS REVIEW – HAVE YOUR SAY NOW

The ALRTA wants to hear from members involved in the live export trade with experience operating under the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS). The Australian Government is reviewing the effectiveness of ESCAS in delivering animal welfare outcomes and facilitating trade with a final report due in September 2014.

If you have experienced problems with ESCAS or have suggestions for improvement please let me know your thoughts on mathew@alrta.org.au or 0421 082489. The ALRTA will be lodging a submission next week.

TRUCKCARE CONSIDERING ALLIANCE

The ALRTA is continuing discussions with the ATA about forging a closer alliance between the truckCare and TruckSafe accreditation systems. I regularly hear complaints that there are just too many industry accreditation systems operating independently of one another, adding to the overall regulatory and cost burden. The ALRTA and ATA are working together to reduce this burden and build a complimentary system which delivers better outcomes for business. Stay tuned.

REMINDER: HVSP – ROUND 4 NOW OPEN

Members are reminded that proposals may be submitted under Round 4 of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme (HVSP) from 1 July – 28 August 2014. Full details [here](#).

Got a project in mind? Let the ALRTA know how we can assist.

LRTAWA CONFERENCE 4-5 JULY 2014

The Livestock and Rural Transporters Association of Western Australia (LRTAWA) 2014 AGM and Conference will be held 4-5 July at the Lighthouse Beach Resort, Bunbury WA. The Conference will be officially opened by the Hon Dean Nalder WA Minister for Transport and Finance and the Conference Dinner and Auction is always an enjoyable event! Click [here](#) to register. See you there!

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