

# TRUCKS IN HOBSONS BAY FACTSHEET

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This factsheet outlines how trucks are managed in Hobsons Bay City Council as well as the roles and responsibilities of different agencies and levels of government.

## Truck Types

There are essentially two types of trucks that use roads within Hobsons Bay. The first is a Class O heavy vehicle. This includes trucks up to 19m long, 4.3m high, and 2.5m wide, maximum weight 42.5t.

These vehicles are those that you are probably used to seeing on the road and include 19m semi-trailers that undertake supermarket deliveries and 'truck and dogs' that are often used for heavy haulage.

**Class O** heavy vehicles are permitted on all urban roads.



Example 19m semi-trailer prime mover truck



Example 'truck and dog' used for heavy haulage

Council has little oversight regarding the regulation or management of **Class O** heavy vehicles with limited measures to control access (such as truck ban signs or curfews).

Trucks that are bigger or heavier than **Class O** vehicles are regulated by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR). In general, this covers **B-Doubles** and bigger, but also special use vehicles such as cranes.

These heavy vehicles have NHVR pre-approved road networks. In Hobsons Bay if a heavy vehicle operator wishes to access a street not on the pre-approved list, they must apply for a permit via the NHVR. While Council is asked for comment there are very limited grounds to object.



Example B-Doubles require approval to deviate from the pre-approved heavy vehicle network.

## Contact

If you think a heavy vehicle is breaking the law, contact the Police **131 444** or visit their website. If you think a heavy vehicle is excessively noisy or smoky, call the NHVR confidential hotline on **1800 931 785** | [www.nhvr.gov.au](http://www.nhvr.gov.au) or EPA **1300 372 842** | [www.epa.vic.gov.au/report/reporting-pollution](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/report/reporting-pollution). For parking enforcement, call Hobsons Bay City Council on **1300 179 944**. To seek a Hobsons Bay Road Occupation permit visit our website [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Services/Assets](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Services/Assets)

## Rules and Enforcement

### Truck Bans and Curfews

Truck bans and curfews are restrictions on heavy vehicles over 4.5t designed to carry loads, enforced through signs.

Under the road rules, a driver must not drive past a 'no truck' sign unless:

- the destination of the truck is beyond the sign; and;
- the purpose is to load or unload goods and there is no other route to that destination; or
- other routes to the destination also have no truck signs.



The state government's Department of Transport approves road truck bans. It is long term solution and the bans are enforceable by police, Department of Transport and the NHVR but not Council. The state government have also suspended the heavy vehicle curfew until 7 April 2022.

*Note: The enforcement of truck bans and curfews is the responsibility of the police, Department of Transport and the NHVR.*

### Load Limit Signs

Gross Load Limit signs like that pictured are widely used in Victoria to advise motorists that a road is not suitable for trucks.

Under the Road Rules state government approval is required for these signs which are enforceable by the police.



### Traffic Management Plans

Anyone other than a service authority seeking to undertake works on a local road, or to block a local road, is required to apply to Council for a road occupation permit. The application must also be accompanied by a traffic management plan. These permits allow Council to temporarily control traffic access to a specific site. Service authorities such power water gas or telephone providers e.g.: Jemena, Telstra, Department of Transport are amongst those exempt from these traffic plan requirements.

### Parking

Heavy Vehicles are not permitted to park in residential areas for longer than one-hour parking unless signs say that it is allowed, or the driver is picking up or setting down goods.

*The enforcement of parking can be undertaken by Hobsons Bay City Council.*