

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) has zero tolerance for over-height trucks entering tunnels in New South Wales (NSW), with non-compliant vehicles posing a serious risk to the safety of other road users and threatening to cause significant traffic delays and damage to infrastructure.

While road safety is everyone's responsibility, driving heavy vehicles offers more challenges. Here's the preventative action you can take, to ensure you don't enter a tunnel in your over-height vehicle.

CHECK YOUR LOAD TO PROTECT OUR ROADS

Before departure, check and make sure:

- Your vehicle has the capacity to accommodate the load type and size.
- The load is secured so it is unlikely to fall or be dislodged during your journey.
- The load is restrained using an appropriate restraint method. Loose or incorrectly restrained loads can be life-threatening to others, damage property or cause hazards.
- The load restraint equipment is in serviceable condition and appropriately rated for the task.
- Determine the position of the load on the vehicle to maintain adequate stability, steering and braking.

DO NOT ENTER A TUNNEL IF YOU DRIVE A VEHICLE OVER THESE HEIGHTS:

Airport	4.4m
City West link (east bound only)	4.6m
Cross City Tunnel	4.4m
Domain	4.4m
Eastern Distributor	4.4m
Kings Cross	4.4m
Lane Cove	4.4m
Hills M2 Motorway	5.0m
M5 East Cooks River	4.4m
M5 East Main	4.6m
M8	5.1m
M4 – M8 Link	5.1m
M4 Tunnels	5.1m
Sydney Harbour Tunnel	4.4m
NorthConnex	5.1m

If your vehicle exceeds these heights, ensure you observe the roadside signs for the alternative route provided.

For more information visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/nsw-roads-network/using-sydney's-tunnels

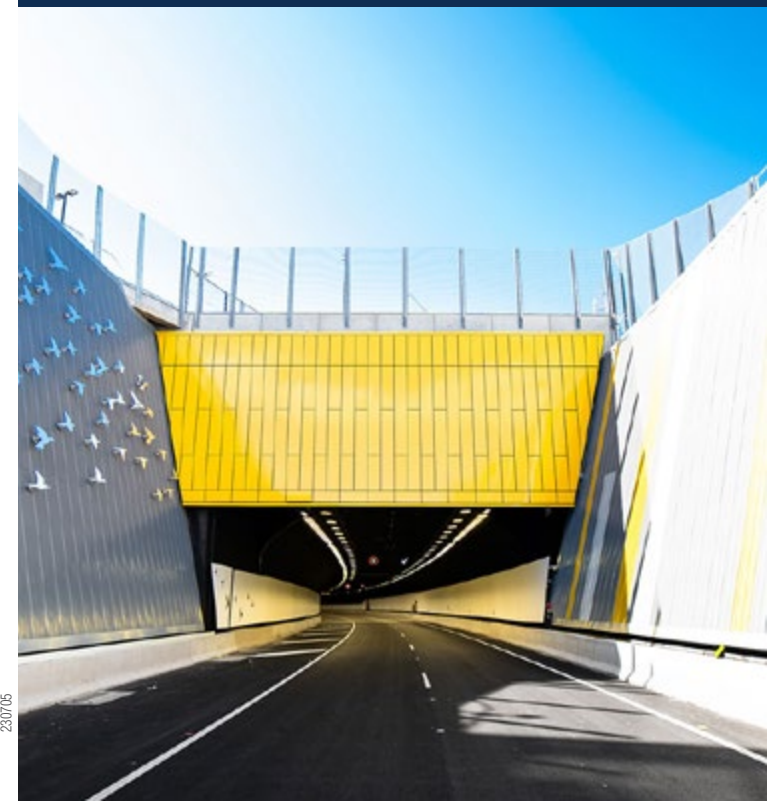
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Our stance on over-height trucks entering tunnels

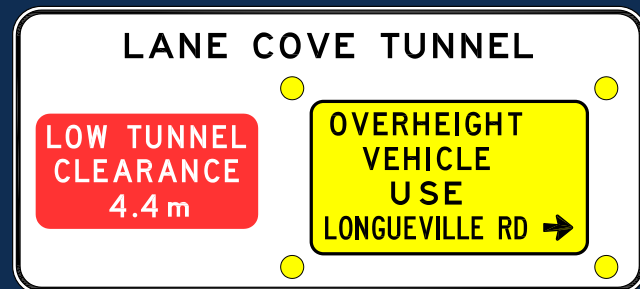


Measuring your load

NSW has more bridges and tunnels with low clearances than any other state in Australia. Measuring your load is imperative and should be in accordance with the legal limits for the route you intend to travel.

- Check the height of your load using a height stick, measuring tape, laser technology or an electronic measuring device.
- In NSW, heavy vehicles higher than 4.3metres have restricted travel conditions and must use approved road networks.
- If your vehicle is above 4.3metres, make sure you comply with the required National or State notice or access permit from the NHVR.
- The prescribed dimension requirements for heavy vehicles are set out under the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation.
- The height limit for heavy vehicles is 4.3metres unless it is a:
 - vehicle built to carry cattle, horses, pigs, or sheep – 4.6metres
 - vehicle built with at least 2 decks for carrying vehicles – 4.6metres
 - double-decker bus – 4.4metres

To see other prescribed dimensions, visit www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/mass-dimension-and-loading/general-mass-and-dimension-limit



PLANNING YOUR JOURNEY:

- You can use the NHVR's Route Planner, which maps out approved routes for use by heavy vehicles.
- The Route Planner can also be used to help you identify where an access permit application may need to be made.
- You can visit the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Maps website, to find out which roads you are allowed to be driving on.
- If you are operating under the 4.6metre high vehicle notice, use the roads approved for vehicles up to 4.6metres in height.
- Be aware of any critical locations before starting your journey.
- Schedule stops to inspect your vehicle and load.
- Plan for any route changes.

In transit:

- Check your load for movement at regular intervals throughout the journey, as it can shift.
- Pull into rest areas when needed.
- Ensure you are aware of tunnel or bridge height clearances. To assist you, there are warning signage and in several key sites, sensors, and median strips out on the NSW road network, specifically Sydney Metropolitan.



THE PENALTIES

Recently, the penalties for over-height vehicles were increased. These include:

- A fine up to \$5,500 for over-height trucks disobeying low clearance signage and 12 demerit points.
- Transport for NSW may issue a suspension period for a driver's license for up to six months.
- Transport for NSW may issue a registration suspension period for trucks for up to six months.



ABOUT US

We were established in 2013 to be the single, national regulator of heavy vehicles in Australia, and to administer and enforce one set of laws, known as the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL). All states and territories, excluding the Northern Territory and Western Australia, have adopted the HVNL as the single rule book for heavy vehicles. This has enabled a more streamlined approach to service delivery, compliance and enforcement, and a great degree of consistency in how heavy vehicles are regulated. We place a strong focus on heavy vehicle safety education, for both drivers and motorists.