

# Farm Gate Access

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## Supporting local producers

Farm Gate Access supports local producers to improve freight efficiencies by providing pre-approved conditional access to the farm gate for higher productivity vehicles transporting grain and livestock.

The use of more productive vehicles means fewer trips and fewer trucks on local roads to achieve the same freight task, while certainty of access to the first and last mile reduces administration and transport delays for road managers, producers and transport operators. Other benefits include:

- **Road managers** – reduces the number of permit applications, provides transparency of network usage and fewer truck movements on local roads.
- **Grain producers** – enables produce to be transported to grain receival sites quickly and more efficiently, reducing the risk of contamination from moisture and pests.
- **Livestock producers** – enables produce to be transported to market quickly and more efficiently.
- **Transport operators** – enables a timely and efficient transport service.

## Access Under Notice

Farm Gate Access was developed in collaboration with the transport industry and National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) and is enforceable under the National Heavy Vehicle Law (NHVL).

Eligible heavy vehicles operating under the [NSW Livestock Loading Scheme \(LLS\)](#) and [NSW Grain Harvest Management Scheme \(GHMS\)](#) can travel on the Farm Gate network via notice. Road managers must provide consent for one or both schemes to participate in Farm Gate Access.

## Farm Gate Access Safety

The Farm Gate network provides exemptions for eligible heavy vehicles to access low volume, low risk council roads within participating council areas.

There are global and local conditions for vehicles operating on the Farm Gate network and participating councils have authority to introduce additional operating conditions. Considerations may include restricted assets, network conditions and road user safety.

To support road managers, Transport for NSW (Transport) can provide access to freight movements and network usage data via the Telematics Analytics Platform (TAP)

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) has a range of tools that may also assist:

- [Freight PASS \(Productivity and Safety/Sustainability\) Tool](#) - to make more informed safety, productivity and sustainability decisions about the benefits of heavy vehicle combinations on the road network.
- [Pavement Impact Comparison Calculator](#) - to understand the long-term pavement effects of freight activity on roads.

## Eligible Higher Productivity Vehicles

Road managers may provide Farm Gate Access for any of the following eligible vehicle types:

- Semi-trailers
- B-doubles
- Road Trains

## Network Usage Data

Vehicles operating on the Farm Gate network are required to have a telematics device fitted and be enrolled in the Road Infrastructure Management (RIM) scheme.

Transport is offering road managers a licence to the Transport Certification Australia (TCA) Telematics Analytics Platform (TAP) until 2027, which provides access to core analysis and reporting of de-identified and aggregated telematics data. Common analytical reports available in TAP include:

- Journey counts of participating vehicles by road name in each local government area
- Average speed for each road
- Journeys on all roads in each local government area
- Journeys on each road (by name)
- Journeys by vehicle category/cluster.

The data can help road managers understand how their road infrastructure is used; better plan for infrastructure investment or maintenance activities; prioritise future projects; and support funding applications.

