

# The NHVR – The New regulator for the New(ish) Law

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## Program

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The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is Australia's regulator for heavy vehicles and now has a singular focus with their role in Queensland. It has resumed responsibility for the delivery of heavy vehicle on-road compliance and enforcement services in Queensland, including Programmed Vehicle Inspections (PVI), since 20 April 2024.

Join the Statutory Compliance/Prosecutions team from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator as they provide a key re-introduction to the regulator as prosecuting in Queensland will now have a slightly different approach. They will also discuss primary duties offences and the extending liability that applies to corporate defendants.

Presenter:

**Mark Fenlon**, Senior Prosecutor, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator; Member, Queensland Law Society Wellbeing Working Group

**Dallas Henderson**, Major Prosecutions Manager, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Chair: **Sharon Sangha**, Professional Development Solicitor, Queensland Law Society



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### **Mark Fenlon**

**Senior Prosecutor, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator; Member, Queensland Law Society Wellbeing Working Group**

Mark became a Senior Prosecutor for the Queensland Police Service in 2010 after working in private practice for seven years. Working with solicitors and police officers, Mark saw firsthand the psychological impact of working in a high-volume legal environment where employees are regularly exposed to issues such as domestic violence, assaults, sexual offences and worse. As a result of that, he became an accredited peer support officer to assist in getting better outcomes for colleagues impacted by these issues.

Mark has a special interest in promoting the interests of regional, rural and remote practitioners and is the QLS representative to the Law Council of Australia's Regional, Rural and Remote Lawyers Committee. He is also a former President of the Townsville District Law Association.

Mark has been awarded both Assistant Commissioner and Executive Director's Awards for the prosecution of major drug trafficking operations and using judicial processes for the protection of domestic violence victims. He was the 2007 recipient of the QLS President's Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Young Lawyer to the Profession and the Community.



### **Kristy Spears**

**Acting Practice Manager, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator**

Kristy Spears is the Acting Practice Manager (Northern Region – Qld) in the Statutory Compliance/ Prosecutions Team with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. Her substantive role is a Principal Prosecutor within the Major Prosecutions Team in which she prosecutes breach of Primary Duty offences which are the most serious and complex offences under the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

Kristy has extensive experience as a criminal and regulatory prosecutor and has prosecuted across all jurisdictions.

Kristy started her career as a NSW sworn police officer before working as a police prosecutor in NSW for close to 10 years. Kristy then progressed as a prosecutor with the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions prosecuting the most serious of crimes for 9 years. Kristy spent a further 3 years working as a legal advisor in the Criminal Offences Unit at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) before commencing at the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator in September 2023.

Kristy has a Master of Laws in Prosecutions and a Master of Commerce in Management as well as a Bachelor of Policing Practice.