



# Issues and Opportunities with PBS RETHINK | RECONNECT

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# RETHINK | RECONNECT | UNLOCK ROADBLOCKS FOR AN INDUSTRY THAT DELIVERS TO THE WORLD.

The best decisions have evidence on their side.

Think of it like the power of seeing through dragonfly eyes.

Dragonflies have eyes with thousands of lenses and take the inputs to form a 360-degree vision of their world which gives them incredible foresight.



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## Where Do We Stand

- 24,200 PBS Vehicles
- 3,900 Combinations
- A decade of proven Safety and Productivity
- Growing complexity as network expands

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## Fragmented Access

- Different approval processes across states that require permit duplication

## Urgent bridge reform

- No national consistency in bridge assessments
- ALRTA are calling for a uniform 1.6 live load factor standard nationally and implementing a consistent, risk-informed bridge rating methodology. Currently most PBS combinations are assessed at 1.8.



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**DO MORE WITH LESS.**

**=**

**Perfect Business Sense**

**=**

**Social and Environmental Sense**

**=**

**Improved Safety**

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# Return on investment

- Streamline Permits and open networks to safer modern vehicles that are the everyday standard nowadays.
- Targeted road upgrades that remove pinch points and unlock access.
- Greater access rights for vehicles that meet the highest standards.
- Fair recognition that investing in productivity should not mean higher operating costs.

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**High Productivity Vehicles (HPVs)  
and Performance Based  
Standards (PBS) Carry more  
freight per litre.**

- **Fewer trips = Lower emissions**
- **Supports Govt Net Zero Roadmap**

**It's a clear way to reduce  
emissions, and its here now.**



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# Australian Agriculture about to hit \$100 billion

Freight as Agriculture's link to the world.

- **Mining is Australia's biggest export. Ag is the second.**

In a global economy where consumers increasingly demand both competitive prices and sustainability credentials , freight productivity is not just a transport issue it's an international trading advantage.



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## THE ROADS AHEAD

- 228 Units/ 15 Companies in 6 months
- Pre-approved network and easily enrolled equipment = faster consistent access
- Foundation for National alignment

## ALRTA PBS ACCESS WORKING GROUP

Unique Industry Collaboration.

- Operators
- PBS Engineers
- Content Experts
- NHVR



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# Questions?

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