

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Harvest Mass Management Scheme Access Arrangements 2018-19

Changes to HMMS have been introduced to ensure safe, efficient & sustainable access is maintained for grain transport. Our aim is to eliminate 'first & last mile' RAV access issues on roads between the paddock and the nearest road approved for Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network access.

### What are the revised access conditions for 2018-19?

During the defined harvest season period, a RAV may be driven on roads **not** approved on a RAV Network, subject to the following conditions;

- The road(s) are being used to transport grain from a paddock to a participating Grain Receiver, or used to return to a paddock after delivering grain to a participating Grain Receiver;
- The road(s) are the most direct between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV Network access;
- The road(s) between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV Network access **must** be recorded on a HMMS Road List, which must be endorsed by Main Roads, carried in the vehicle and produced to Main Roads, WA Police or the Grain Receiver upon request;
- The RAV combination being used must not be a higher RAV Category than the nearest RAV Network;
- The driver of the RAV combination must not travel at a speed exceeding 40 km/h;
- An amber flashing warning light must be displayed on the cab of the towing vehicle; and

- The driver of the RAV combination must comply with any additional conditions (if any) specified in the HMMS Road List.

### What is a Main Roads endorsed HMMS Road List?

A Main Roads endorsed HMMS Road List is the list of roads you have applied for and have been approved to travel on between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV Network access, for the defined HMMS period. Anyone may apply for a HMMS Road List.

### When do I need a HMMS Road List?

If RAV access is required on roads between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV Network access under HMMS, you must obtain your Main Roads endorsed HMMS Road List **prior** to commencing your HMMS transport task.

***'Your HMMS Road List must be endorsed by Main Roads before starting HMMS operations on roads between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV Network access. Apply now to avoid delays.'***

### How do I apply for a HMMS Road List?

You must submit the list of roads you will need for the upcoming harvest season, between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV Network access, using the HMMS Road List form, available on the HMMS page of our website.

When we receive your HMMS Road List form, we will:

- ✓ Conduct a preliminary assessment of the nominated road (s) in your HMMS Road List; and
- ✓ If deemed safe, endorse your HMMS Road List and specify any additional access conditions (if applicable) and return the endorsed list to you.

### **Do the changes affect the way I register for HMMS?**

No, you continue to register your vehicle(s) with the participating grain receiver as per previous years.

### **Why have changes been made to the Harvest Mass Management Scheme (HMMS) access arrangements?**

The access arrangements introduced for the 2016-17 HMMS harvest period were done so to address first and last mile access issues predicted for the forecasted record harvest and a significant build-up of route assessments.

During a review of the 2016-17 access arrangements, legal advice and safety assessments suggested it was not appropriate for Main Roads to continue the 2016-17 access arrangements for HMMS.

The revised conditions have been put in place to ensure the safety of **all** road users when interacting with RAVs along the roads between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV Network access

### **Were there any alternatives other than to revise the access conditions?**

The alternative to revising the conditions was to remove the 2016-17 access arrangements from HMMS and revert to the scheme providing a mass allowance only.

### **Why have we introduced the need for a HMMS Road List?**

The HMMS Road List has primarily been introduced to ensure the nominated roads are safe for the proposed operation and to be able to specify any additional access conditions (if applicable).

***'We will also use the HMMS Road Lists to prioritise onsite route assessments, with the aim of adding the roads to the relevant RAV Network. This will negate the need to have special access arrangements for future harvest periods.'***

Remember, the roads between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV Network access must be listed on a HMMS Road List, which is endorsed by Main Roads, carried in the vehicle and produced to Main Roads, WA Police or the Grain Receiver upon request.

### **How long will it take to get my roads approved?**

We will endeavour to return your HMMS Road List back to you as soon as possible. However, if there are bridges along the roads you have nominated, it may take up to 4 weeks to have the bridge assessments completed.

### **What other access options do I have under HMMS?**

- ✓ Use a Category 1 RAV vehicle combination that is 20 m or less in length and 50 t or less in gross mass.
- ✓ Use a RAV that is greater than a Category 1 RAV vehicle combination on approved RAV Network roads.
- ✓ Apply to have my road (s) added to the RAV Network through the standard process.

### **Instead of using the HMMS access arrangements and submitting a HMMS Road List, can I apply to have a road added to the RAV Network?**

Yes, you may complete the Application and Road Owner Support to Add or Amend a Road on a RAV Network form, available on the Road Access page of our website.

The completed application should be forwarded to Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) via email [hvsrouteassessments@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:hvsrouteassessments@mainroads.wa.gov.au) HVS endeavours to complete Route Assessment applications within three months.

### **How do I find out more information?**

For more information you can call our Heavy Vehicle Helpdesk on 138 486 or visit the HMMS page on our website at [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au)

