

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT TO DELIVER A SEAMLESS NATIONAL ECONOMY

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Part 1 - 27 Deregulation Priorities

Output	Milestones				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
<p>1. Occupational health and safety (OH&S) Nationally uniform OH&S laws, comprising a model Act, model regulations and model codes of practice and a nationally consistent approach to compliance and enforcement policy.</p>	<p><u>Independent review</u> of the national OH&S system: final report to Workplace Relations Ministers' Council (WRMC) by 30 Jan 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> establish new national entity, Safe Work Australia</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Safe Work Australia to release model OH&S Bill exposure draft and draft Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for public comment by May 2009</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> WRMC to agree model OH&S Bill by Sept 2009</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Safe Work Australia to commence developing model regulations by Oct 2009</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Safe Work Australia to commence developing model codes of practice by late 2009</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> WRMC to report to COAG, through BRCWG, on reform progress by June 2010</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Safe Work Australia to finalise model regulations by May 2011</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> enact model legislation and regulations and complete all related transition arrangements by Dec 2011</p>	

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<p>2. Environmental assessment and approvals processes A consistent and efficient system of environmental assessment and approval when processes under both the Commonwealth and State or Territory laws are involved.</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth and VIC</u> : finalise bilateral assessment agreement by end 2008</p> <p><u>Commonwealth and ACT</u>: finalise bilateral assessment agreement by early 2009</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions</u>: deliver implementation plans on opportunities for approvals bilateral agreements and strategic assessments to COAG by mid 2009</p>			
<p>3. Payroll tax harmonisation Adopt common state and territory payroll tax administrative provisions and definitions by 1 July 2012.</p>	<p><u>WA, ACT and NT</u>: adopt first stage reforms already adopted by the other States by end 2008</p>	<p><u>WA, SA and NT</u>: consider second stage of reforms already agreed by NSW, VIC, QLD and TAS by late 2009</p> <p><u>WA</u>: report to COAG, through BRCWG, advising the scope and detail of any future reforms including timing, by June 2010</p>	<p><u>NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, NT and TAS (and WA should it agree)</u>: deliver second stage reforms by July 2010</p> <p><u>States and Territories</u>: report to COAG, through BRCWG, on the extent to which commitments to implement second stage payroll tax administrative reforms have been met by June 2011</p>	<p><u>States and Territories</u>: complete reforms by 30 June 2012</p>	

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<p>4. Licences of tradespeople Establish a national trade licensing system to allow licensees (in specified occupations*) to work in all Australian jurisdictions. <i>*Initially, air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics, building and building related occupations, electrical, land transport (passenger vehicle drivers and dangerous goods only), maritime; plumbing and gasfitting, and property agents.</i></p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to be agreed by BRCWG prior to consideration by COAG in early 2009</p> <p>IGA to include the following key elements of the new national system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scope of legislation; • governance arrangements; • principles and objectives; • allocation of licence fees, noting that it is not intended that jurisdictions would be significantly disadvantaged compared to current arrangements; and • transitional arrangements 	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> agree draft legislation by 2009</p> <p><u>Host jurisdiction:</u> enact legislation by April-June 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations (MCFFR) to report to COAG, through BRCWG, on the extent of progress to date in implementing reform commitments, including in relation to development of the IT system and national register by June 2010</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions except host jurisdiction:</u> enact legislation (which appropriately applies the host jurisdiction legislation in their jurisdiction) by Dec 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> establish the new national licensing body by Jan 2011</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Board and CEO appointed by June 2011</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MCFFR to report to COAG, through BRCWG, on reform progress by June 2011</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MCFFR to report to COAG, through BRCWG, on reform progress by June 2012</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> new licensing body to commence development and finalise licensing eligibility criteria (including qualifications), licence discipline standards and other licensing policy developed for first tranche of selected priority trades for approval of Ministerial Council by Dec 2011</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> new national licensing system to commence on 1 July 2012</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> assist new licensing body to develop and finalise licensing eligibility criteria (including qualifications), licence discipline standards and other licensing policy for next tranche of trades and approved through RIS and Ministerial Council processes by June 2013</p>

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<p>5. Health professional registration and accreditation A national registration and accreditation scheme for health professionals*.</p> <p><i>*Initially chiropractors, dental care practitioners, medical practitioners, nurses and midwives, optometrists, osteopaths, pharmacists, physiotherapists, podiatrists and psychologists.</i></p>		<p><u>QLD:</u> enact legislation by end 2009</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> enact referencing legislation by end 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> amend relevant legislation by end 2009</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> implementation of the registration and accreditation scheme and complete all related transitional arrangements by 1 July 2010</p>		

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<p>6. National system of trade measurement The establishment of a national system of trade measurement funded and administered by the Commonwealth.</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Commonwealth to provide the necessary information to enable jurisdictions to agree relevant staffing and resources to be transferred to the Commonwealth by March 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> National Measurement Institute (NMI) to commence stakeholder consultation (including with States and Territories) on trade measurement regulations by Nov-Dec 2008</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> NMI to provide drafting instructions for regulations to the Office of Legislative Drafting and Publishing by Apr 2009</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> finalise regulations by Aug 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> NMI to complete all related transitional arrangements by Apr 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions and Commonwealth (through NMI):</u> complete transfer of staff and resources by June 2010</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> complete all related transitional arrangements so that Commonwealth scheme is operational by 1 July 2010</p>		

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<p>7. Rail safety regulation Nationally consistent rail safety legislation and associated regulation, through enactment of COAG agreed model rail safety legislation and regulation.</p>	<p><u>VIC, NSW, SA:</u> enact legislation and regulation by end 2008</p>	<p><u>TAS, QLD, WA and NT:</u> enact legislation and regulation by 31 March 2010</p>			
<p>8. Consumer policy framework A new national consumer policy framework, which includes a national generic consumer law (the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) which applies in all Australian jurisdictions), enhanced consumer law enforcement and more efficient consumer policy development and decision-making processes.</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> establish senior officials working group in Nov 2008 to arrange development of the ACL</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> agree IGA on the national policy framework (incorporating the national product safety framework – see item 9) by end June 2009</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> commence drafting of the ACL, including consultation with States and Territories by end 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> undertake public consultation on final draft of the ACL and administrative arrangements April-June 2010</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> complete RIS for the ACL by June 2010</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> enact principal legislation for the ACL, including agreed provisions on product safety (see item 9) by Dec 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> enact application Acts for the ACL, including agreed provisions on product safety (see item 9) by Dec 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> commence the ACL by Dec 2010</p>		

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<p>9. Product safety A consistent national product safety regime, covering safety standards, product bans and product recalls.</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> develop IGA text relevant to product safety and application legislation provisions for consideration by Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs (MCCA) by June 2009</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> agree to IGA text (see item 8), including text relating to product safety by end June 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> develop drafting instructions for the ACL for consideration by MCCA by first half of 2009</p>		<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> enact principal legislation for the ACL (see item 8), including agreed provisions on product safety by Dec 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> introduce application Acts (see item 8), which include agreed provisions on product safety by Dec 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> commence enacted product safety provisions by Dec 2010</p>		

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<p>10. National regulation of trustee corporations The implementation of national regulation for the licensing and supervision of trustee corporations to enhance the effectiveness of supervision and reduce the regulatory burden on business.</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> develop national framework for regulation of trustee corporations by Apr 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> prepare drafting instructions for national trustee corporations legislation by early 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> introduce legislation by May 2009</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> complete all related transitional arrangements and enact repealing legislation by May 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> full implementation of national regulation by the Commonwealth by May 2010, including any further necessary transitional arrangements</p>			
<p>11, 12, 13 and 27 A national consumer credit regulatory regime</p> <p>11. Mortgage broking 12. Margin lending 13. Non-deposit lending institutions 27. Remaining areas of consumer credit</p> <p>These reforms</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> develop a national framework for the regulation of consumer credit by Apr 2009</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> pass referral of powers legislation by May 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> introduce legislation by May 2009</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> complete arrangements for national regulation by the Commonwealth in relation to phase one reforms (relating to the Uniform Consumer Credit Code and key credit regulation) from 1 July 2010</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> repeal all relevant legislation in line with phase one of the implementation plan by June 2010</p>		<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> Finalise Commonwealth Regulation Impact Statements for Part One, Phase Two reforms by August 2011</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> Enact legislation for Part One, Phase Two reforms by December 2011</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> Circulate to the States and Territories draft legislation for matters</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> Enact legislation for Part Two, Phase Two reforms by July 2012</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> Any States proceeding to adopt the Commonwealth law, enact adoption legislation for Part Two, Phase Two reforms by December 2012</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> All States to enact</p>

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<p>establish a national consumer credit regulation and enforcement regime which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a comprehensive licensing regime; • responsible lending requirements; • improved sanctions; • enhanced enforcement powers; and • enhanced consumer protection through dispute resolution mechanisms, court arrangements and remedies. 		<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MCCA to report to COAG, through BRCWG, on implementation of phase one by June 2010</p>		<p>requiring a referral of power/adoption in Part Two, Phase Two reforms by December 2011</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> Report to COAG, through BRCWG on implementation of Part One, Phase Two reforms by December 2011</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> Finalise Regulation Impact Statements for Part Two, Phase Two reforms by December 2011</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> At least one State pass referral legislation for Part Two, Phase Two reforms by June 2012 (if required)</p>	<p>repeal legislation for Part Two, Phase Two reforms by December 2012</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> report to COAG, through BRCWG, on implementation of Part Two, Phase Two reforms by December 2012</p>
<p>14. Development assessment Five reforms to improve State and</p>		<p><u>States and Territories:</u> agree an implementation program and agreed benchmarks against</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> LGPMC to agree implementation plan to adopt best practice</p>		

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<p>Territory development assessment processes:</p> <p>(a) Roll out of electronic DA processing nationally;</p> <p>(b) A system of national performance monitoring;</p> <p>(c) Accelerated use of 'code assessment';</p> <p>(d) Establish a set of supporting national planning system principles; and</p> <p>(e) Assessment of benefits accruing from DA reforms.</p>		<p>which progress can be assessed based on COAG decisions by end July 2009</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> COAG to agree through BRCWG, LGPMC proposals for expediting development assessment reform by late 2009, including:</p> <p>(a) Roll out of electronic DA processing nationally;</p> <p>(b) A system of national performance monitoring;</p> <p>(c) Accelerated use of 'code assessment';</p> <p>(d) Establish a set of supporting national planning system principles; and</p> <p>(e) Assessment of benefits accruing from DA reforms</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> LGPMC to provide to COAG, through BRCWG, by June 2010, the first annual National</p>	<p>National Planning Principles by July 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> implement development assessment standards for low risk single residential dwellings on lots of 300m² or greater by July 2010</p>		

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		Report on Development Assessment Performance for the 2008/09 year			
15. National Construction Code (NCC) Consolidating building and plumbing regulation into one national code.	<u>Commonwealth:</u> finalise RIS by April 2009	<u>All jurisdictions:</u> agree in-principle on governance arrangements for body administering NCC and funding model for implementing NCC by June 2010 <u>All jurisdictions:</u> Building Ministers' Forum (BMF) report to COAG, through BRCWG, on reform progress by June 2010	<u>All jurisdictions:</u> Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) or its replacement body to consolidate building and plumbing regulations into NCC by Dec 2010 <u>All jurisdictions:</u> ABCB or its replacement body to release NCC by May 2011 <u>All jurisdictions:</u> agree Intergovernmental Agreement, containing final governance arrangements for body administering NCC and detailed funding arrangements for NCC by June 2011 <u>All jurisdictions:</u> BMF report to COAG, through BRCWG, on reform implementation by June 2011	<u>All jurisdictions:</u> complete legislative amendments and all related transitional arrangements by Jan 2012 <u>All jurisdictions:</u> new funding arrangements commence by Jan 2012 <u>All jurisdictions:</u> BMF report to COAG, through BRCWG, on reform implementation by June 2012	<u>States and Territories:</u> NCC referenced Oct 2012 (subject to individual transition arrangements) Ongoing milestones to be identified and agreed as project progresses

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<p>16. Regulation of chemicals and plastics</p> <p>Improved national coordination and oversight to achieve an effective and efficient national system of chemicals and plastics regulation, while maintaining appropriate OH&S, public health and environmental protections.</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> COAG to consider new governance structure to oversee regulatory reform and to agree a proposed interim response to the recommendations of the Productivity Commission's Research Report at its Nov 2008 meeting</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Ministerial councils to report to COAG through the BRCWG, on responses and implementation plans to Productivity Commission recommendations</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> complete remaining early harvest reforms by June 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> COAG to agree on implementation plans developed by relevant ministerial councils for the relevant Productivity Commission recommendations</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> BRCWG to report to COAG by June 2010 on progress in implementing reforms</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> BRCWG to report to COAG by June 2011 on progress in implementing reforms being oversighted by the Standing Committee on Chemicals (SCOC) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implementation plans from relevant Ministerial Councils (in response to the PC's 2008 recommendations); and • finalisation of reforms agreed by COAG on 3 July 2008 <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Ministerial Councils to complete reforms in line with milestones outlined in implementation plans agreed by COAG in February 2011</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> BRCWG to report to COAG by June 2012 on progress in implementing reforms</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Ministerial Councils to complete reforms in line with milestones outlined in implementation plans agreed by COAG in February 2011</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> BRCWG to review progress of reform and report to COAG with recommended changes, by the end of 2011</p>	

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<p>17. Registering business names A national system for registering business names.</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> identify legislation to be repealed/amended with enactment of Commonwealth Business Names legislation (likely 2010) by March 2009</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> agree an IGA and/or MOU on business names registration and related online services by June 2009</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> commence delivery of online service components by Dec 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> undertake system user testing by Jan-March 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> report to COAG, through BRCWG, on reform implementation by 30 June 2010</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> release online services system by Sept 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> integrate licensing data by Dec 2010</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> finalise draft referral of powers by June 2011</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> finalise Business Names legislation by July 2011</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> at least one State to introduce referral of powers legislation by July 2011</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> introduce referral of powers acceptance and national Business Names legislation to Parliament by September 2011</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> at least one State to pass referral of powers legislation by September 2011</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> enact Business Names legislation and complete all related transitional</p>	

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				<p>arrangements by December 2011</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> repeal/amend legislation and refer powers by March 2012</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> complete all transitional arrangements, including data transfer, by May 2012</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> commence new national business names registration system by 28 May 2012</p>	
<p>18. Personal property securities (PPS) Establishment of a national personal property securities system including a PPS register.</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> IGA agreed at COAG in Oct 2008</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> Contractor engaged to design, build and integrate the PPS register by Nov 2008</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u></p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> legislation enacted by June 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) to report to COAG, through BRCWG, on reform implementation by June</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> contact centre established by Feb 2011</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> additional legislative amendments passed by May 2011</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> Register Application</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> complete migration of data from State and Territory registers and all related transitional arrangements by Oct 2011</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> national personal property securities</p>	

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	<p>introduce PPS Bill to Parliament by mid 2009</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> introduction of referring legislation and consequential amendments by mid 2009</p>	2010	<p>developed by June 2011</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> Personal Property Securities Register user acceptance testing commences by June 2011</p>	system commences by Oct 2011	
<p>19. Standard business reporting (SBR) Simplify and standardise business to government reporting of financial information.</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> release limited Tax File Number (TFN) Declaration Pilot by 31 Jan 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> release full production version of the TFN Declaration by 30 June 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> release third version of the SBR Reporting Taxonomy (Taxonomy Cycle 3) with input from States and Territories by 31 March 2009</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> release fourth version of the SBR Reporting Taxonomy by Sept 2009</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> commence opening transactions and interactions in SBR scope to the public in preparation for 1 July 2010 start date from 31 March 2010</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> release fifth version of the SBR Reporting Taxonomy by June 2010</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> fully implement the SBR program from 1 July 2010</p>		
<p>20. Food regulation Reform of</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> in early 2009, develop a proposal for the</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> through ANZFRMC undertake a</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> COAG to agree IGA by December 2010</p>		

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ANZFRMC voting arrangements, national consistency in monitoring and enforcement of food standards and improved food labelling policies and laws.	development of options and costs to improve national consistency in monitoring and enforcement, and a proposal to reform voting arrangements of the Australia New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council (ANZFRMC)	<p>comprehensive review of food labelling law and policy, with progress report to COAG by July 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> provide a report to COAG, through the BRCWG, by May 2010, on the progress of:</p> <p>(a) amending the voting arrangements of the ANZFRMC; subject to agreement with New Zealand, so that except in relation to the review of food standards, decisions of the ANZFRMC unable to be made by consensus require a two-thirds majority in order to adopt a resolution; and</p> <p>(b) drafting an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for COAG's consideration which proposes reforms to</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> finalise food labelling review with report to COAG by early 2011</p>		

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		<p>enable, by 1 July 2011, centralised interpretive advice to be provided in relation to food standards on a primarily cost-recovery basis, which would be adopted and applied by all State and Territory food regulatory agencies in the course of their monitoring and enforcement activities relating to food standards</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> COAG consider the Intergovernmental Agreement by June 2010</p>			
<p>21. National mine safety framework (NMSF) Implementing the National Mine Safety Framework to create a nationally consistent health</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Ministerial Council on Mineral and Petroleum Resources (MCMPR) to provide reform options to COAG in early 2009</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> finalise first draft of</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> develop National Enforcement Implementation Guidelines by March 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> commence development</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> NMSF Mining OH&S Drafting Instructions delivered to Safe Work Australia by July 2010, for incorporation into Model OH&S regulations or relevant jurisdictional supplementary legislation</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> establish a national regulators forum by October 2011</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> finalise development of National Mine Safety Database by December</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Input data into the National Database for the first complete reporting period (2012-13) from 1 July 2012.</p>

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<p>and safety regime in the Australian mining industry, through the delivery of the following seven strategies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. nationally consistent legislative framework (consistent with the provisions of the nationally uniform OH&S model legislation); 2. competency support; 3. compliance support; 4. nationally coordinated protocol on enforcement; 5. consistent and reliable data collection and analysis; 6. effective consultation mechanisms ;and 	<p>NMSF Drafting Instructions and Example Clauses by mid 2009</p>	<p>of National Mine Safety Database by March 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> commence development of national guidance material on mine safety issues by June 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> finalise NMSF Drafting Instructions by June 2010</p>	<p>and/or regulations</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> finalise development of an online repository of compliance information to assist duty holders by December 2010.</p> <p><u>NSW, Queensland and Western Australia:</u> provide uniform non-core drafting instructions to MCMPR by June 2011</p>	<p>2011</p> <p><u>NSW, Queensland and Western Australia:</u> Introduce safety legislation and enact non-core mine safety provisions by 1 January 2012</p>	

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7. collaborative approach to research.					
<p>22. A national electronic conveyancing system A single national electronic system for land title transactions.</p>		<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> COAG to agree the form of the new legal entity for an e-conveyancing system by mid 2010</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> agree governance arrangements for a new entity by mid 2010</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> report to COAG, through BRCWG, on reform progress by June 2010</p>	<p><u>States and Territories:</u> subject to States and Territories settling funding, establish new entity and appoint Board by Sept 2010</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> report to COAG, through BRCWG, on reform progress by June 2011</p>	<p><u>States and Territories:</u> agree Intergovernmental Agreement on Electronic Conveyancing by Sept 2011</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> agree draft uniform national legislation by Sept 2011</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> establish the Australian Registrars' National Electronic Conveying Council (ARNECC) in accordance with the IGA by Sept 2011</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> complete design specifications for the e-conveyancing system by Jan 2012</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> agree in-principle uniform national operating requirements and participation rules</p>	<p><u>States and Territories (except host jurisdiction):</u> introduce application legislation and complete all related transitional arrangements by Aug 2012</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> commence national legislation by Dec 2012</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> commence the new e-conveyancing system by Dec 2012</p>

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				<p>under the national law by Jan 2012</p> <p><u>Host jurisdiction:</u> introduce legislation by March 2012</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> report to COAG, through BRCWG, on reform progress by June 2012</p>	
<p>23. Oil and gas regulation Streamlining Commonwealth, State and Territory upstream petroleum regulations.</p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> Productivity Commission to complete final report by Apr 2009</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> COAG to agree implementation plans for proposed reforms by early 2010, following agreement by MCMPR, through BRCWG</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> complete consolidation of <i>Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006</i> regulations by June 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MCMPR to formalise status, terms of reference and work program of the</p>	<p><u>States and Territories:</u> complete review of state and territory petroleum legislation applying to coastal waters and onshore areas by Dec 2010</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> review <i>Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006</i> Guidelines by Dec 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MCMPR to agree and implement Environmental Assessors Forum proposals by Dec 2010</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u></p>	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> <i>Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006</i> Guidelines to be amended to provide timelines by July 2011</p> <p><u>States and Territories:</u> finalise Memorandum of Understanding template that clarifies the roles and timelines of petroleum developers and local government bodies by Sept 2011</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> develop a national electronic approvals tracking system by Dec 2011</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u></p>	

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		<p>Environmental Assessors Forum by June 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> report to MCMPR on the system of objective based legislation by June 2010</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> amend <i>Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006</i> and associated regulations to define regulatory responsibilities in relation to the integrity of wells by June 2010</p>	<p>develop a draft Memorandum of Understanding template that clarifies the roles and timelines of petroleum developers and local government bodies by December 2010</p>	<p>Expand the functions of the existing National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority (NOPSA) to include regulation of environment plans and day-to-day operations of petroleum and greenhouse gas storage activities in Commonwealth waters by 1 January 2012. NOPSA to become the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA).</p> <p><u>Commonwealth:</u> Establish a National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (NOPTA) by 1 January 2012 to provide advice on petroleum and greenhouse gas storage titles to the Joint Authorities and to administer those titles</p>	

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				and related data	
<p>24. Maritime safety regulation Nationally consistent approach to regulation of State/Territory and Commonwealth legislation in relation to some vessels and operators.</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Australian Transport Council (ATC) agreed preferred approach in Nov 2008</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> ATC to report to COAG in the first half of 2009 on the outcomes of the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) process, including financial implications and proposed way forward (including timing of IGA and legislation)</p>		<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> COAG to consider a Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for a single national maritime regulator by July 2010</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> <u>Final IGA including financial matters to COAG for consideration by July 2011</u></p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Commencement of transitional process to develop and pass national and jurisdictional legislation by March 2012</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Full implementation January 2013</p>
<p>25. Wine labelling Harmonising domestic and export wine labelling requirements.</p>	<p><u>States and Territories:</u> Complete legislative amendments to bring into force the World Wine Trade Group's Agreement on Wine Labelling by early 2009</p>	Reform completed 1 July 2009			

Output	Milestones				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
<p>26. Directors' liability A nationally consistent and principled approach to the imposition of personal criminal liability of directors or other corporate officers for corporate fault.</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> COAG referred principles for advice on their adequacy to the Ministerial Council for Corporations (MINCO) in Nov 2008</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MINCO to agree the principles for increased consistency across jurisdictions to the imposition of personal criminal liability for corporate fault by March 2009</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MINCO to finalise audit of Commonwealth, State and Territory provisions by mid August 2009</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MINCO to consider audit outcomes, identify areas for nationally agreed principles and provide an interim report to BRCWG by end August 2009 (superseded)</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MINCO to complete report panel/focus groups including recommendations for nationally agreed principles by mid Oct 2009</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MINCO to consider report and agree national principles by end Oct 2009</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> enact legislation by Dec 2010 (superseded)</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> BRCWG to examine the reform outcomes to date, identify what further action is required and report to COAG by June 2011</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> BRCWG to agree guidelines for the consistent application of the principles by August 2011</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> BRCWG to agree a standard template for reporting revised audit outcomes by August 2011</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Individually review the audit outcomes against the guidelines using the standard template and report to BRCWG that this has been completed by December 2011</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> BRCWG to collectively examine the revised audit outcomes and report to COAG on proposed amendments/repeal of relevant legislation to ensure consistency by March 2012</p>	<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> BRCWG to agree to apply the principles (and guidelines) when drafting future legislation and report to COAG on the mechanism used in each jurisdiction to achieve this by July 2012</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> Develop a legislative plan to implement agreed reforms and introduce legislation by December 2012</p>

Output	Milestones				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
		<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MINCO to report to COAG, through BRCWG, by the end of 2009</p> <p>COAG to agree reforms in 2009</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> complete implementation plans identifying the provisions to be amended and the reform process to be undertaken by April 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> MINCO to report to COAG, through BRCWG, on implementation plans developed by jurisdictions to amend relevant legislative provisions, by June 2010</p>			

Part 2 – Competition Reforms

1. Review of Australia’s Anti-dumping and Countervailing System				
Reform Stream	Key Milestones	Primary Responsibility	Delivery Dates	Key Dependencies
Review of Australia’s anti-dumping and countervailing system	- Productivity Commission (PC) to commence review	- Productivity Commission	- Review to commence in March 2009	
	- PC to finalise review	- Productivity Commission	- Review to be finalised in December 2009	
	- Release PC’s final report	- Commonwealth	- By June 2010	
	- Release a government response to the PC review	- Commonwealth	- By June 2010	
2. Review of Parallel Import Restrictions on Books				
Reform Stream	Key Milestones	Primary Responsibility	Delivery Dates	Key Dependencies
Review of parallel import restrictions on books	- Productivity Commission (PC) to commence review	- Productivity Commission	- Review to commence by late 2008	
	- Release PC’s final report	- Commonwealth	- By June 2009	
	- Release a government response to the PC review	- Commonwealth	- By December 2009	

3. Previously agreed energy market reforms

Reform Stream	Key Milestones	Primary Responsibility	Delivery Dates	Key Dependencies
<p>Remove retail price regulation in electricity and natural gas markets where retail competition is agreed to be effective and reduce barriers to competition where it is agreed to be ineffective</p> <p>Well-managed removal of retail price regulation in electricity and natural gas market sectors in all jurisdictions where retail competition is agreed to be effective</p> <p>Measures introduced to enhance retail competition in electricity and gas markets where the AEMC has found that competition is not yet effective in a market</p> <p>Where competition is not shown or agreed to be effective, regulated prices reflect efficient outcomes</p>	<p>Report to MCE on:</p> <p>(a) Effectiveness of competition in retail electricity and natural gas markets;</p> <p>(b) Recommended measures to remove retail price regulation if competition is effective;</p> <p>(c) Recommended measures to enhance retail competition if it is found to be ineffective.</p>	AEMC	ACT: 2010-11	<p>NSW: The timetable for NSW is subject to further consideration of the implications of recent changes in retail ownership in that jurisdiction.</p> <p>ACT: 2016 (unless the ACT removes retail price regulation in response to the AEMC review that was completed in 2010-11)</p> <p>TAS: only if full retail contestability introduced</p>
		AEMC	NSW: 2012	
		AEMC	QLD: 2013	
		AEMC	SA: 2015	
		AEMC	ACT: 2016	
		AEMC	TAS: 18 months after implementation of full retail contestability	
	<p>Respond to the AEMC's findings. If it is agreed that competition is effective in that jurisdiction, develop a plan to carefully manage the removal of retail price regulation in electricity and natural gas markets.</p>	ACT government	Within 6 months of the completion of the AEMC review	<p>Competition Review completed within 12 months</p>
		NSW government	As above	
		QLD government	As above	
		SA government	As above	
		ACT government	As above	
		TAS government	As above	

Reform Stream	Key Milestones	Primary Responsibility	Delivery Dates	Key Dependencies
<p>Harmonisation of energy market legislation</p> <p>Transfer of regulatory functions covering the non-economic regulation of energy distribution and retail businesses to the Australian Energy Regulator</p>	<p>Legislation to give effect to the National Energy Customer Framework introduced to South Australian Parliament, as lead legislator</p>	<p>South Australia</p>	<p>South Australian Parliament's Spring sitting 2010</p>	<p>Legislation approved by MCE</p>
	<p>Application Acts to give effect to the National Energy Customer Framework passed in relevant jurisdictions</p>	<p>Commonwealth</p> <p>South Australia (introduced with NECF package as above)</p> <p>Victoria</p> <p>New South Wales</p> <p>Queensland</p> <p>Tasmania</p>	<p>By June 2013</p>	<p>Passage of lead legislation through SA Parliament</p>
	<p>Review of derogations in energy market legislation</p>	<p>Commonwealth</p> <p>South Australia</p> <p>Victoria</p> <p>New South Wales</p> <p>Queensland</p> <p>Tasmania</p> <p>Australian Capital Territory</p>	<p>By June 2014</p>	<p>Commencement of National Energy Customer Framework in relevant jurisdictions</p>

Reform Stream	Key Milestones	Primary Responsibility	Delivery Dates	Key Dependencies
<p>Ensure adequate energy market investment</p> <p>The adequacy of investment in Australia's existing gas and electricity markets is assessed and necessary actions taken to ensure the market delivers efficient levels of investment.</p>	<p>Report to MCE on a framework for assessing the adequacy of energy market investment</p>	<p>Commonwealth</p> <p>South Australia</p> <p>Victoria</p> <p>New South Wales</p> <p>Queensland</p> <p>Tasmania</p> <p>Australian Capital Territory</p>	<p>by December 2010</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Ensure balanced incentives for efficient demand side participation in energy markets.</p> <p>Key recommendations of the AEMC Review of Demand Side Participation (Stages 1-3) implemented to enhance demand side participation in the NEM.</p> <p>Effective price signals for customers facilitated through the progressive roll-out of smart meters, in jurisdictions where net-benefits are expected.</p> <p>Energy efficiency promoted through greater provision of energy information to consumers (e.g. bill benchmarking).</p>	<p><u>Smart meters</u></p> <p>(a) Development of national framework for smart meters</p> <p>(b) Review of pilots and trials to inform roll-out decisions</p> <p>(c) Decisions on roll-out or requirement for further analysis</p>	<p>MCE/AEMC</p>		<p>Regulatory and technical advice from the National Stakeholder Steering Committee (NSSC). Advice on cost recovery from the AEMC.</p>
		<p>MCE</p>	<p>June 2012</p>	<p>Pilots and trials summary from the NSSC.</p>
		<p>VIC government</p>	<p>Roll-out scheduled for completion by December 2013.</p>	
		<p>QLD, NT, ACT, WA governments</p>	<p>Pilots and trials and review roll-out decisions in June 2012.</p>	<p>Positive business cases from pilot and trial information.</p>
		<p>NSW government</p>	<p>Completed roll-out by December 2017</p>	<p>Positive business case from the next stage of pilots and trials.</p>

Reform Stream	Key Milestones	Primary Responsibility	Delivery Dates	Key Dependencies
	<u>Demand Side Participation Review</u> (a) Stage 1 (b) Stage 2 (c) Stage 3	AEMC	Stage 1: Published May 2008 (recommendations already implemented) Stage 2: Published December 2009	Stage 3: resolution of terms of reference.
	Approve regulatory obligations for Energy Bill Benchmarking	MCE	November 2010	Positive case in Regulatory Impact Statement approved by the Office of Best Practice Regulation.

4. National Access Regime

Reform Stream	Key Milestones	Primary Responsibility	Delivery Dates	Key Dependencies
National Access Regime Wherever possible, promoting commercial negotiations as the means to determining terms and conditions of third-party access to services provided by means of significant infrastructure facilities Apply consistent regulatory principles to the National Access Regime, including 6 month time limits for regulator decisions, object clauses, regulated access prices, and limited merits review of regulatory decisions	Passage of the Trade Practices Amendment (Infrastructure Access) Bill 2009	Commonwealth	December-2010	Successful negotiations between Government and Opposition
	Commence Productivity Commission review of the National Access Regime, including the impact of the Bill This Productivity Commission review is to satisfy clause 8.1 of the CIRA (including a number of specific reform areas, noted under Infrastructure Reforms)	Commonwealth	Review to commence December 2012	Passage of the Trade Practices Amendment (Infrastructure Access) Bill 2009 Agreed terms of reference for Productivity Commission review

5. Infrastructure Reforms

Reform Stream	Key Milestones	Primary Responsibility	Delivery Dates	Key Dependencies
<p>Certification of all State Access Regimes</p> <p>Apply regulatory principles outlined in CIRA (6 month decision time limit on regulators, object clauses, regulated access prices, limits on merits review) to specified access regimes in Appendix 1 of the CIRA</p>	<p>Provide high-level progress report to COAG regarding the submission of third party access regimes for certification</p>	<p>HoTs</p>	<p>December 2010</p>	
	<p>Submit third party access regimes for certification</p>	<p>States</p>	<p>December 2010</p>	<p>None. Submitting regimes for certification does not require passage of Trade Practices Amendment (Infrastructure Access) Bill 2009.</p>
	<p>NCC to make certification recommendation on State Access Regimes</p>	<p>NCC</p>	<p>Six months after each regime is submitted for certification</p>	<p>Submission of state third party access regimes to NCC by end 2010</p>
	<p>Commence Productivity Commission review, to consider the effectiveness of the CIRA, and assess the impact of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - certification; and - the CIRA regulatory principles on the National and state access regimes. 	<p>Commonwealth</p>	<p>Review to commence December 2012</p>	<p>Review will be most effective if all state regimes are certified</p> <p>Agreed terms of reference for Productivity Commission review</p>

<p>Interstate and major intrastate rail track/rail networks</p> <p>Implement a simpler and consistent approach to access regulation of interstate rail track.</p>	<p>HoTs – in consultation with the Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations (MCFFR) and, particularly, the WA Government – to decide whether to commission an independent cost-benefit analysis for applying the ARTC access model to the interstate track between Perth and Kalgoorlie;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the decision is made not to undertake the cost-benefit analysis this reform stream may be considered closed. - If the decision is made to undertake the cost-benefit analysis, commission the analysis and consider the findings. 	<p>HoTs</p>	<p>August 2010</p>	<p>Note that, in the absence of a decision to apply the ARTC access model, certification of third party access regimes will fulfil the CIRA objective of a simpler and consistent national approach to economic regulation of significant infrastructure.</p>
		<p>HoTs</p>	<p>June 2011</p>	<p>Decision on whether to undertake an independent study on applying the ARTC access model</p>
	<p>HoTS to consider the transfer of the Brisbane to NSW border standard gauge track to the ARTC in the context of implementing a simpler and nationally consistent system of rail access regulation.</p>	<p>HoTs</p>	<p>December 2010</p>	<p>Note that standard gauge rail track from Brisbane to the NSW border has been transferred on a long term basis to ARTC.</p>

<p>Review and reform of significant ports</p> <p>States to undertake transparent public reviews of the regulation and effectiveness of competition in ports and port authority, handling and storage facility operations at significant ports</p>	<p>Queensland to ensure its review of the regulation of ports is in full accordance with the CIRA</p>	<p>Queensland</p>	<p>December 2010</p>	
	<p>Implement recommendations from the competition/ regulation reviews of significant ports</p>	<p>Western Australia, Queensland, NSW and Northern Territory Governments</p>	<p>March 2011</p>	<p>Queensland to ensure its review of the regulation of ports is in full accordance with the CIRA</p>
	<p>HoTs to consider, in the light of work by the Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) and related reform streams, whether any further review of the economic regulation of ports may be warranted.</p>	<p>HoTs</p>	<p>June 2011</p>	<p>Completion of ports reviews</p> <p>Release of National Ports Strategy</p> <p>Note that HoTs may consider the merits of referring a review of the economic regulation of ports to the Productivity Commission</p>

<p>Competitive Tendering principles</p> <p>Introduce legislative amendments so that Part IIIA declarations will not apply to government owned infrastructure whose access provisions are developed by a competitive tender process approved by the ACCC</p> <p>Commonwealth and States and Territories to work together to develop a consistent set of criteria to operationalise Commonwealth amendments to Part IIIA of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010</p>	<p>Implement a consistent set of competitive tendering regulations to operationalise the amendments in the National Access Regime</p>	<p>Commonwealth</p>	<p>June 2010</p>	
	<p>Commence Productivity Commission review, to consider the effectiveness of the CIRA, and assess the impact of the competitive tendering regulations on improving conditions of access to government owned infrastructure facilities</p>	<p>Commonwealth</p>	<p>Review to commence December 2012</p>	<p>Implementation of competitive tendering regulations for the National Access Regime</p> <p>Agreed terms of reference for Productivity Commission review</p>
<p>Competitive Neutrality principles and reporting</p> <p>HoTs to develop a reporting mechanism for COAG regarding the enhanced application of competitive neutrality principles to government business enterprises (“GBEs”), requiring GBEs to conduct their operations with:</p>	<p>Annual submission of HoTs competitive neutrality matrix to COAG for review</p>	<p>HoTs</p>	<p>June 2010</p> <p>June 2011</p> <p>June 2012</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clear commercial objectives unless non-commercial objectives are clearly specified in their governing legislation;- Clear governance, accountability and transparency; and- Strong reporting requirements including annual public reports on commercial performance				
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6. Rationalisation of occupational licences

Reform Stream	Key Milestones	Primary Responsibility	Delivery Dates	Key Dependencies
Rationalisation of occupational licences	- Based on Productivity Commission (PC's) list of occupations, advise BRCWG on scope for rationalising licences	- States and Territories	- By early 2009	
	- COAG to agree options	- COAG	- By early 2009	
	- Introduce legislation and complete all related transitional arrangements by end 2009	- States and Territories	- By December 2009	
	- BRCWG to consider further scope for reform by September 2010 in order to allow for the progress of related reform areas including consumer policy frameworks, health professional registration and accreditation and licences of tradespeople	- BRCWG	- By September 2010	

7. National Transport Reforms

Reform Stream	Key Milestones	Primary Responsibility	Delivery Dates	Key Dependencies
<p>National framework for regulation, registration and licensing of heavy vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of a single national regulator to administer a body of national heavy vehicles laws for all vehicles over 4.5 tonnes, including a national registration scheme - The national framework will also lead towards a consistent approach to heavy vehicle driver competency and testing standards, and heavy vehicle driver training school recognition and a single, physical heavy vehicle driver licence 	Australian Transport Council (ATC) progress report to COAG on reform progress and draft intergovernmental agreement (IGA)	ATC/ Standing Committee on Transport (SCOT)	June 2010	
	Final IGA to COAG for consideration	ATC/SCOT	July 2011	- Effective negotiation of the draft IGA by ATC
	Transitional arrangements agreed	ATC/SCOT	December 2011	- Effective negotiation of the transitional arrangements by the ATC
	Commencement of Heavy Vehicle Regulator	All jurisdictions	If possible by July 2012 but no later than December 2012	
	Full implementation, including national law, service level agreements between the national regulator and States and Territories and development of one-stop shop mechanisms	ATC/SCOT	December 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing agreed transitional arrangements - Policy priority by States and Territories to achieve legislative and parliamentary timeframes
	Review of the overall economic impact of the new national framework	Productivity Commission	Completed by December 2016	- Dependent on a comprehensive implementation of the option

<p>Single national rail safety regulatory framework and rail safety investigation framework</p> <p>National rail safety regulator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of a national rail safety regulator to administer national rail safety regulation - Establishment of branch offices of a national regulator in all main State capital cities (i.e. excluding NT, Tas and ACT) to administer safety functions and liaise with industry <p>Rail safety investigator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extending the role of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) to cover almost all commercial rail operations in Australia 	ATC progress report to COAG	ATC	June 2010	
	Development of draft IGA, including detailed delivery plan	ATC/SCOT	December 2010	
	ATC report to COAG on progress in establishing a rail safety investigator	ATC/COAG	June 2010	- Clear negotiations with all jurisdictions on rail safety investigation
	Final IGA to COAG for consideration	ATC/SCOT	July 2011	- Effective negotiation of the draft IGA by ATC
	Full implementation of the national rail safety regulator, including national law and establishment of branch offices of a national regulator, and implementation of the ATSB's extended role	ATC/SCOT	December 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing agreed transitional arrangements - Policy priority by States and Territories to achieve legislative and parliamentary timeframes
	Review of the overall economic impact of the new national frameworks	Productivity Commission	Completed by December 2016	- This is dependent on a comprehensive implementation of the option

<p>National approach to Maritime Safety regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of a single national maritime regulator to establish and maintain national uniformity in commercial maritime vessel standards, regulations and administration - A transitional period will apply to allow the development and passage of national and jurisdictional legislation and arrangements to facilitate the establishment of national systems to support Australian Maritime Safety Authority's (AMSA) role as the national commercial vessel regulator when the national system comes into effect in 2013 	COAG to consider a IGA for a single national maritime regulator	ATC/SCOT	July 2010	
	Final IGA including financial matters to COAG for consideration	ATC/SCOT	July 2011	
	Commencement of transitional process to develop and pass national and jurisdictional legislation	ATC/SCOT	March 2012	- Maintenance of effective inter-jurisdictional arrangements to manage transitional arrangements
	Full implementation	ATC/SCOT Commonwealth, States and Territories AMSA	January 2013	- Dependent on the effectiveness and smooth running of transitional arrangements
	Review of the overall economic impact of the new national framework	Productivity Commission	Completed by December 2016	- The review would have to be undertaken in a meaningful timeframe post implementation in order to assess the full impact of the reforms

8. Road Reform Plan

Reform Stream	Key Milestones	Primary Responsibility	Delivery Dates	Key Dependencies	
<p>Review of pricing options, including their feasibility and industry impacts to ensure the more efficient, productive, safe and sustainable use of freight infrastructure</p> <p>Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish the objectives and principles any new pricing framework must meet - Develop an assessment framework consistent with those objectives and principles - Provide on-going advice for the technical Streams <p>Pricing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify, develop and assess pricing structure options against the policy framework - Undertake the research required to support the new pricing structure <p>Legal and Regulatory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider the legal constraints and implications of various pricing options - Consider the required regulatory and institutional frameworks which would be required to optimise the benefits of various 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Australian Transport Council (ATC) to report initial feasibility study assessment of high level options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATC - COAG Road Reform Plan Project Board (chaired by Victoria) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed by December 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elements of the work program are reliant on the outcomes of work from earlier streams - Appropriate sequencing of work 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATC to report identification of detailed scenarios from feasibility studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed by June 2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring progress is transparent (which is occurring in the current work plan with the 'staged' reporting of 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final Feasibility Study Report to COAG for consideration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December 2011 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation RIS finalised (if required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed by May 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The requirement for a consultation RIS is dependent on the outcome of COAG's consideration of the feasibility study report
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATC recommendations on charging arrangements (and associated decision RIS) to COAG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed by December 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATC agreement in November

pricing models	- Development of an implementation plan for the option agreed by COAG	- ATC	- Completed by March 2013	- COAG consideration of preferred option that is different from status quo
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<p>Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider the business systems required to collect the charge and the financial and compliance system and technology implications which result from the various models 				
<p>Implementation of appropriate pricing option</p> <p>Report Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of detailed pricing scenarios and associated supporting frameworks - Identification of preferred options for detailed cost benefit analysis – considering all the costs of implementation, e.g. political, economic, social, technological and environmental - Work plan for implementation/next steps of policy options, including RIS requirements and proof of concept design <p>Stakeholders/Industry Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinate and consult with key stakeholders across the reform - Gather industry input and feed into ongoing development of feasibility study - Lead negotiations between governments, transport operators and motorists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commonwealth, States and Territories to implement preferred option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATC - Commonwealth, States and Territories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed by December 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear communication of what implementation requires of the Commonwealth and States and Territories - Parliamentary/legislative priority - These dependencies can be managed in part by clear centralised implementation work planning, managed by the project board (or any alternative agreed governance framework)
<p>Review of implementation outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review impact of pricing option implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Productivity Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed by December 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is dependent on a comprehensive implementation of the option - The review would also have to be undertaken in

				a meaningful timeframe post implementation in order to assess the full impact of the reforms
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ATTACHMENT A

Output	Milestones				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
The development and enhancement of existing processes for regulation making and review	Implementation of specific action commitments outlined in COAG's Apr 2007 <i>Regulatory Reform Plan</i> (Appendix C) that were endorsed by BRCWG by 30 June 2009		<p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> publish COAG consultation and decision Regulation Impact Statements (RISs) and the Office of Best Practice Regulation's (OBPR) COAG RIS assessments on the OBPR RIS Register from 1 July 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> undertake reviews, reporting existing regulation impact assessment (RIA) processes against an agreed set of design criteria, and the use of formal mechanisms to reduce the regulatory burden posed by existing stock, to BRCWG by September 2010</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> through the BRCWG's Regulatory Reform Subgroup, develop proposals, drawing out key themes from jurisdictions' reporting of their RIA processes and stock reduction mechanisms, including recommendations for next steps, for discussion by the BRCWG in February 2011</p>	<u>All jurisdictions:</u> agree terms of reference by December 2011 for a Productivity Commission benchmarking study of the efficiency and quality of both COAG and jurisdictional regulation impact assessment (RIA) processes as at January 2012	<p><u>Commonwealth:</u> the Productivity Commission to complete its benchmarking study by December 2012</p> <p><u>All jurisdictions:</u> respond to the Productivity Commission benchmarking study by February 2013</p>