

Travel Restrictions for Excess Dimensional Loads - 2011 Christmas Period

November 2011

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR EXCESS DIMENSIONAL LOADS – Christmas 2011

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has received the following advice from the Queensland Police Service for travel restrictions for excess dimensional loads over the Christmas 2011 period.

For holders of Queensland Police Service issued 'Period Permits', 'Single Trip Permits', 'General Permits' or transporters operating in compliance with the 'Guideline for Excess Dimension Vehicles Carrying Indivisible Articles - Special Purpose Vehicles - Vehicles that Require a Pilot or Escort in Queensland, Form 4' and 'Guideline for Excess Dimension Agricultural Vehicles and Agricultural Combinations, Form 14' the following movement restrictions will apply -

No movement between 12:00 hrs on 23 December 2011 to 23:59 hrs on 3 January 2012 throughout Queensland, and

For excess dimension vehicles and vehicle combinations which require more than one pilot/escort vehicle or a combination of police and pilot/escort vehicles the following movement restrictions apply -

No movement from 00:01 hrs on 19 December 2011 to 23:59 hrs on 3 January 2012.

However, this does not prevent operators from making application for a 'Single Trip Permit' subject to the discretion of the *Superintendent of Traffic*. Where permits are issued for a trip from one police region to another police region, consultation will be made between relevant *Superintendents of Traffic* prior to the issue of such permit.

In any decision by a *Superintendent of Traffic* as to whether a 'Single Trip Permit' is to be issued, the safety of the public will be paramount. However, this should not unduly restrict movements where those movements are desirable and can be affected with a sufficient degree of safety.

Despite the above restrictions a special purpose vehicle up to 3.5m in width is permitted to travel during the Christmas and New Year restrictions provided travel is not on any highway, motorway or freeway, and the vehicle is travelling to and from a job site.

Any conditionally registered vehicle with unrestricted access need not comply with these Christmas travel restrictions provided the vehicle is travelling to or from unprogrammed operations that involve immediate repairs to public utilities.

Any further enquires regarding the Christmas restrictions should be directed to Sergeant Grant Spowles, State Traffic Support Branch, telephone (07) 3238 6612, facsimile (07) 3236 0459.

It would be appreciated if the above information could be forwarded to all relevant persons involved with the movement of excess dimensional vehicles.