



## INFORMATION SHEET

### National Heavy Vehicle Charging Pilot

Trialling the feasibility of replacing the Pay As You Go (PAYGO) heavy vehicle charging system with a national direct user-charging system

#### Heavy Vehicle Road Reform

Heavy Vehicle Road Reform aims to establish a regulated market for the provision and use of heavy vehicle road infrastructure. The current Pay As You Go (PAYGO) national heavy vehicle charging system is characterised by poor links between the needs of users, the charges they pay and the services they receive.

A more direct user charging system and a series of reforms to the ways governments plan, fund, invest in and deliver road infrastructure is needed to establish this market and improve these links.

The economic benefits of Heavy Vehicle Road Reform are estimated to be between \$8 billion and \$22 billion over 20 years, depending on the system adopted.

#### About the National Pilot

The Australian Government is establishing a National Heavy Vehicle Charging Pilot as a structured way to trial the replacement of the current heavy vehicle charging system (PAYGO) with a national direct user charging system. This will inform the development of Heavy Vehicle Road Reform.

Governments will be working in close partnership to progress the National Pilot, because the PAYGO system combines charges collected by the Australian Government (fuel-based road-user charge) and by state and territory governments (heavy vehicle registration fees).



#### Key features of the National Pilot

- The National Pilot will test the proposed end state for Heavy Vehicle Road Reform.
- The National Pilot will operate Australia-wide and be led by the Australian Government.
- Participation is voluntary and will be open to heavy vehicle operators from across Australia.
- The first two stages will not involve any actual payments or require changes to legislation.
- Participants will have opportunities to provide feedback on their experiences and views throughout the National Pilot and will be involved in shaping national reform.

## Other types of heavy vehicle trials

In addition to the National Pilot, the Australian Government is also establishing a small, targeted and temporary program to support the development of business cases for location-specific heavy vehicle charging trial proposals.

Proposals developed under the Business Case Program will trial elements of Heavy Vehicle Road Reform at the local level, complementing the National Pilot.

## What happens next?

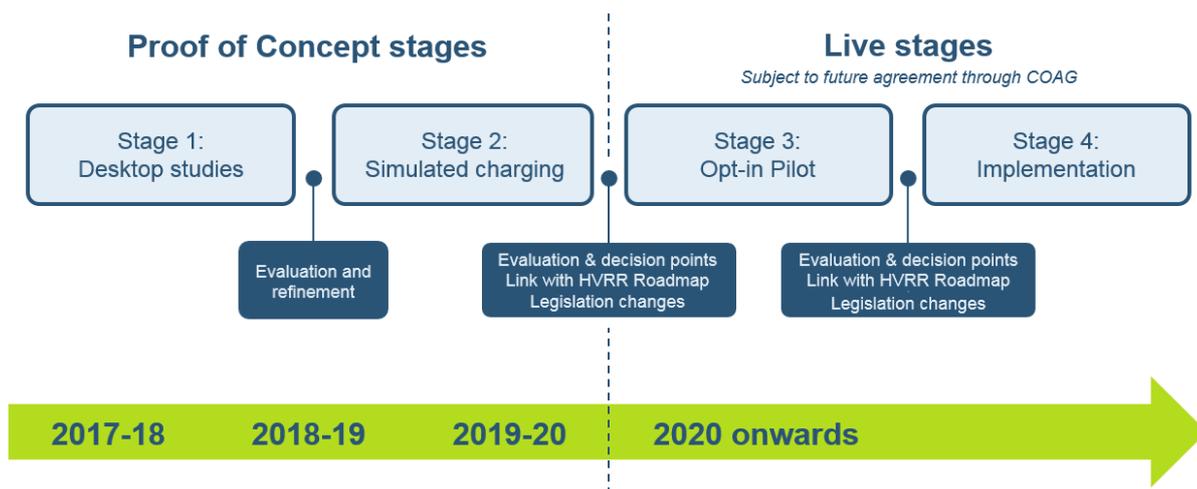
The Australian Government will work with state and territory governments and industry stakeholders to progress the National Pilot and the Business Case Program for local trials.

In early 2018, the Australian Government will approach the market for expert advice on Stage 1 (Desktop Research) and Stage 2 (Simulated Charging) of the National Pilot.

In the first half of 2018, the Australian Government will convene a workshop with industry peak bodies to discuss and refine the approach to the National Pilot.

In mid-2018, the Stage 1 Report for the National Pilot will be published and recruitment for voluntary participants for Stage 2 will commence.

The live stages of the National Pilot (Stages 3 and 4) are subject to the outcomes of Stages 1 and 2 and to future agreement through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG).



For more information on heavy vehicle charging trials, visit [infrastructure.gov.au/roads/heavy/charging-trials/index](http://infrastructure.gov.au/roads/heavy/charging-trials/index) and for more information on Heavy Vehicle Road Reform visit [transportinfrastructurecouncil.gov.au](http://transportinfrastructurecouncil.gov.au)