

Following a number of stakeholder meetings and extensive research and investigation, Associate Transport Minister Craig Foss announced on 9 December the release of the discussion document which outlines a number of proposed changes to the VDAM rule:

- increases to some axle and total vehicle mass limits
- increases to the allowed permitted width and height limits
- allowing '50 MAX' vehicles operating within the HPMV framework to work without permits
- allowing Road Controlling Authorities, such as local councils, more authority to approve heavier vehicles and specialised loads.

The discussion document and submission form are available online at [www.transport.govt.nz/vdam](http://www.transport.govt.nz/vdam) with submissions closing on 17 February 2016.

Please distribute this to your membership and/or any interested parties, include it in any upcoming newsletters, or post it on your website.

#### **VDAM discussion document released**

- VDAM consultation began on 9 Dec 2015
- Consultation closes 17 Feb 2016
- For more info or if you have any questions please contact [VDAM\\_reform@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:VDAM_reform@nzta.govt.nz)

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