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Simplified Heavy Vehicle Mass Management Scheme

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton encouraged members of the community to provide input into a discussion paper that has been released by the Minister for Transport Simon O'Brien on the development of a simplified mass management scheme for the road freight industry in Western Australia.

"This is the latest step in Colin Barnett's and the State Government's drive for the safe and efficient transport of goods by road while protecting the State's competitiveness in the wider global trading environment," said Dr Nahan.

"The paper recognises that we must protect our road and bridge assets. It also suggests it would be in our State's economic interests to allow higher productivity vehicles, which meet rigorous safety and operating standards, to use the road network."

"One of its core functions is to reduce the administrative burden for industry and regulatory agencies by implementing a simplified, streamlined mass management scheme."

Dr Nahan said the discussion paper was developed by the Ministerial Heavy Vehicle Advisory Panel in consultation with Main Roads WA and the transport industry.

"I encourage the public and the transport industry to provide input into the development of the mass management scheme as the Barnett-led State Government wants to ensure that we strike the right balance on this matter."

A copy of the discussion paper is available from the Main Roads' website, at <http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/heavyvehicles> or by calling 138 138.

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