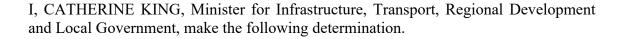


### Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule) Twin Steer Amendments 2024



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[SIGNED]

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#### 1. NAME

1.1. This instrument is the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule) Twin Steer Amendments 2024.

#### 2. COMMENCEMENT

2.1. This instrument commences on the day after it is registered.

#### 3. **AUTHORITY**

3.1. This instrument is made under section 12 of the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018*.

#### 4. SCHEDULES

4.1. Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

#### SCHEDULE 1 – AMENDMENTS

### Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule – Definitions and Vehicle Categories) 2005

[1] Clause 3. DEFINITIONS amend to read:

"..

#### **AXLE GROUP - means:**

- (a) for a motor vehicle, a 'Single Axle', a 'Tandem Axle Group', a 'Triaxle Group', a 'Close Coupled Axle Group', or a 'Twin Steer Axle Group'; and
- (b) for a trailer, a 'Single Axle', a 'Tandem Axle Group', a 'Triaxle Group', or a 'Close Coupled Axle Group'.

...;

[2] Clause 3. DEFINITIONS amend to read:

"…

#### CENTRE OF AN AXLE GROUP

- (a) in the case of a 'Single Axle', the centre of that 'Axle';
- (b) in the case of a two 'Axle' 'Close Coupled Axle Group', or a 'Tandem Axle Group':
  - (i) where both 'Axles' are fitted with an equal number of tyres, a line located midway between those two 'Axles'; or
  - (ii) where one 'Axle' is fitted with twice the number of tyres, a line located one third of the way from the 'Axle' fitted with the greater number of tyres, towards the 'Axle' fitted with the lesser number of tyres; and
- (c) in the case of a three 'Axle' 'Close Coupled Axle Group', or a 'Triaxle Group', a line located midway between the extreme 'Axles' of the group.

Where any rear 'Axle Group' includes a steerable 'Axle' in conjunction with one or more non-steerable 'Axles', only the non-steerable 'Axles' shall be considered in determining the 'Centre of an Axle Group'.

...;

[3] Clause 3. DEFINITIONS amend to read:

"

#### TWIN STEER AXLE GROUP - a group of two 'Axles':

- (a) with single tyres; and
- (b) fitted to a motor vehicle; and
- (c) connected to the same steering mechanism; and
- (d) the horizontal distance between the centrelines of which is at least 1.0 metre, but not more than 2.5 metres.

..."

### **SCHEDULE 2 – AMENDMENTS**

# Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/04 – Vehicle Configuration and Dimensions) 2006

- [1] Clause 7.1.1, after "part of the vehicle," insert " on".
- [2] Clause 8.1, after "'Axle Group", insert ",".
- [3] Clause 8.1, after "'Twin Steer Axle Group", insert "with not more than 2.0 metres horizontal distance between the centrelines of each 'Axle',".

### **SCHEDULE 3 – AMENDMENTS**

# $\begin{tabular}{ll} Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/03-Vehicle Configuration and Dimensions) 2006 \end{tabular}$

- [1] Clause 7.2.1, after "part of the vehicle," insert " on".
- [2] Clause 8.1, after "'Axle Group", insert ",".
- [3] Clause 8.1, after "'Twin Steer Axle Group", insert "with not more than 2.0 metres horizontal distance between the centrelines of each 'Axle',".

#### **SCHEDULE 4 – AMENDMENTS**

# Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/02 – Vehicle Configuration and Dimensions) 2006

- [1] Clause 43.4.4.3, omit "tranverse", substitute "transverse".
- [2] Clause 43.6.1.1, after "part of the vehicle," insert "on".
- [3] Clause 43.7, after "'Axle Group", insert ",".
- [4] Clause 43.7, after "'Twin Steer Axle Group", insert "with not more than 2.0 metres horizontal distance between the centrelines of each 'Axle',".

### **SCHEDULE 5 – AMENDMENTS**

# Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/01 – Vehicle Configuration and Marking) 2006

- [1] Clause 43.6.1.1, after "part of the vehicle," insert "on".
- [2] Clause 43.7, after "'Axle Group", insert ",".
- [3] Clause 43.7, after "'Twin Steer Axle Group"', insert " with not more than 2.0 metres horizontal distance between the centrelines of each 'Axle',".

#### **SCHEDULE 6 – AMENDMENTS**

# Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/00 – Vehicle Configuration and Marking) 2006

- [1] Clause 43.4.2.1.2, omit "metes", substitute "metres".
- [2] Clause 43.4.5.2.1, omit "wheal", substitute "wheel".
- [3] Clause 43.6.1.1, after "part of the vehicle," insert "on".
- [4] Clause 43.7, after "'Axle Group", insert ",".
- [5] Clause 43.7, after "*Twin Steer Axle Group*", insert "with not more than 2.0 metres horizontal distance between the centrelines of each '*Axle*',".