

PBS EXP 7 - A-Double (3-3-3)

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The type of heavy vehicle:	A-Double (3-3-3) (Level 2)
The standard/s under the Standards and Vehicle Assessment Rules that a vehicle built to the design may not comply with:	Pavement Horizontal Loading (A2) Standard: 85t This vehicle design: 91t (exceedance of 6t) Gradeability (Part A) (C2) – Maintain Motion Standard: 15% grade This vehicle design @ 91t: 14.1% grade (Short fall of 0.9% grade)
Reasons why the non-compliance will not pose any additional risk to safety or infrastructure if the particular conditions are imposed and complied with.	The Regulator undertook a risk assessment before determining its support for the design. The Regulator concluded that although a heavy vehicle built to the design would not comply with Pavement Horizontal Loading (A1) and Gradeability (Part A) (C2) under the Standards and Vehicle Assessment Rules, with conditions applied it would comply with the intent of the standards and would not pose any greater risk than a heavy vehicle that did comply with the standard for the following reasons: • The vehicle will have the following conditions applied when operating at Level 2 above 85t, the maximum grade on routes must not exceed 11% as approved by the responsible Road Manager and the mass on the drive axle group must be at least 16.8t. • The grade restriction and drive mass requirements ensure that the vehicle will be able to maintain the required tractive force to the road and to start and maintain motion as well as another level 2 PBS vehicle at 85t operating at maximum grade. • At 91t maximum horizontal drive forces on an 11% grade will be similar to an 85t vehicle with unrestricted PBS level 2 access. • The conditions applied mean that the vehicle operating at 91t meets the intent of the Pavement Horizontal Loading (A1) and Gradeability (Part A) (C2) standards. • Permitting the higher loading will reduce the number of trips by approximately 10% for the same freight task and the whole route will be exposed to less standard axle passes. • The vehicle meets the PBS standards in all other respects.
Particular Conditions: (brief description)	When operating above 85t and up to 91t, the maximum grade on routes must not exceed 11% as approved by the responsible Road Manager and the mass on the drive axle group must be at least 16.8t.