



## National Pilot – Fact Sheet

### What is the National Heavy Vehicle Charging Pilot?

The National Heavy Vehicle Charging Pilot (the National Pilot) aims to design and test options for replacing heavy vehicle registration fees and fuel based charges with a more direct heavy vehicle charging system.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development has collaborated with governments, industry and expert consultants to design the National Pilot series of on-road trials.

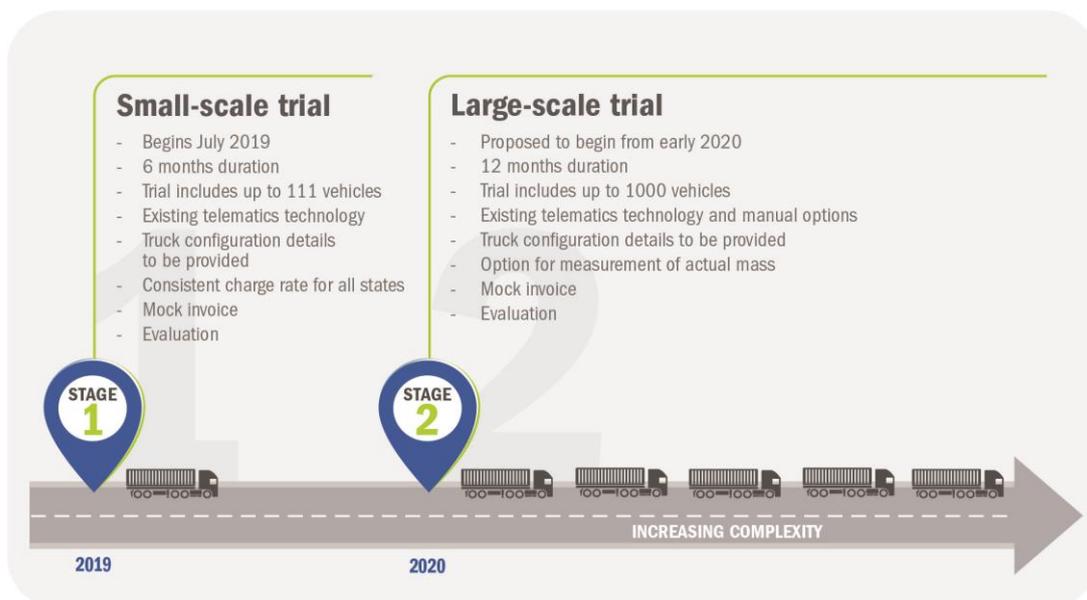
Participation is voluntary and no money will be collected for road charges during the National Pilot. The trials will provide an opportunity for businesses to gain insights on how a potential new charging system could work for them.

Participant feedback and findings from the on-road trials will inform a decision by governments about whether to progress the National Pilot further.

### Why run an on-road trial?

Trials are an important way to test how a new system could work in practice. By delivering trials in an on-road setting operational issues can be identified and addressed before any decisions are made to implement charge changes.

Putting theory to the test, including out on the road, will help ensure any future reforms have real-world benefits for both the heavy vehicle industry and governments.



## How can I get involved?

The first, Small-Scale On-Road trial of the National Pilot started on 15 July 2019 and will run for six months. The trial is designed to test whether telematics technology currently available measures distance and vehicle configuration effectively and will also gauge participant experience under a potential new charging system. Up to 11 operators, 2 telematics providers and 111 heavy vehicles from across all states and territories are participating.

A second, Large Scale On-Road trial is planned to start in early 2020 and will run for 12 months. This trial will involve up to 100 operators and up to 1,000 heavy vehicles across all States and Territories, and various industry sectors. While the trial will continue to test telematics technology, alternative data collection methods such as hubodometers and paper-based reporting will be included.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development is recruiting participants for the Large Scale On-Road Trial. If you are interested in participating please contact the National Pilot team on 1800 065 113 between 9am - 5pm AEST, or via email on [National.Pilot@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:National.Pilot@infrastructure.gov.au).