Truck Overloading Event Procedure

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Element	Instructions		
Chain of Responsibility (CoR)	Changes to the Chain of Responsibility (CoR) laws were introduced on 1 October 2018. These changes aligned CoR laws more closely with workplace health and safety laws. The aim of COR is to make sure everyone in the supply chain shares responsibility for ensuring breaches of the HVNL do not occur. Under COR laws if you are named as a party in the chain of responsibility and you exercise (or have the capability of exercising) control or influence over any transport task, you have a responsibility to ensure the HVNL is complied with. The law recognises that multiple parties may be responsible for offences committed by the drivers and operators of heavy vehicles. A person may be a party in the supply chain in more than one way. For example they may have duties as the employer, the operator and the consigner of goods. Legal liability applies to all parties for their actions or inactions.		
Overloading Event	The purpose of this procedure is to address the risks associated with trucks being loaded above their maximum allowable legal limit. It is always preferable if overloading does occur to prevent the truck from sharing the road with other road users. So if it is apparent the that the truck is overload, the best and safest option is, **not** to leave site and have material removed. If a truck finds its way onto public roads then it is imperative that the risks are minimised. Direct the truck to the closest public weighbridge or return to site to remove excess. *(Please follow the steps below)*		
Risk	**Low**	**Moderate**	**Severe**
Mass limit	Less than or equal to 104% of legal mass limit	105 to 120% of legal mass limit	Greater 120% of legal mass limit
Additional Actions			
Tipping	Overload truck to continue to the original tipping destination and advise client.	Overloaded truck to tip off at the nearest accessible tipping location and advise client	Overloaded truck to tip off at the nearest accessible tipping location and advise client
Speed Reduction	Drive to the conditions	Reduce speed by 20% of speed limit	Reduce speed by 50% of speed limit
Client Communication	Advise the Client immediately of the required action and weighbridge result. Loading shall be modified to reduce the risk of any further overloading.		
Costs	All cost to rectify the overloaded situation are at the loading clients expense. If the truck is found to be within legal limits there will be no additional cost to the client.		
Weighbridges	A list of weighbridges are listed below in the event of an overloading event.		
Reporting	Overloading events are to be documented on Southern Plant Hire Incident Report. Analyse root cause with the view of eliminating future occurrences.		

Public Weighbridges https://publicweighbridgesaustralia.com.au/weighbridge-locations/victoria/

Geelong, Goweigh Public Weighbridge. Kulina Drive Lovely Banks
Sunshine West, Pacific Metal Group 529 Somerville Road (Cash only)
Albion, Scrappy's 578 Ballarat Road
Campbellfield, Hume Public Weighbridge. 205 Northbourne Road
Mordialloc, 283 Boundary Road
Goweigh public Officer, Princess Hwy
Goweigh public on Eastlink
Goweigh public, BP 3 Parweena Drive, Truganina