

# COOPER BASIN

## Permits for heavy vehicle operation and private road access



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**This fact sheet provides information on zone permits in the Cooper Basin area.**

For a number of years, DPTI issued permits for oversize and overmass vehicles and loads to travel on roads in a zone identified by coordinates in the North Eastern part of South Australia, primarily to provide approval for travel on 'unidentified roads' within the Cooper Basin area.

### **Who is responsible for the 'unidentified' roads within the Cooper Basin?**

The 'unidentified roads' in the Cooper Basin area are generally access tracks that have been formed under the conditions or legislation forming part of a lease arrangement giving access rights to the land. In the case of the 'unidentified roads' for which the zone permits were previously issued, the access tracks are subject to the *South Australian Petroleum and Geothermal Energy (PGE) Act 2000*.

Therefore, these 'unidentified roads' are not public roads. They are considered 'private roads' with access controlled by the leaseholder's responsibilities under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy (PGE) Act 2000* and the *South Australian Work Health and Safety Act 2012*.

As such, obtaining Road Manager consent or an oversize/overmass permit is not required for access or travel on the 'private roads'.

### **Who has been notified?**

Advice to this effect is being forwarded to leaseholders by the Department for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy (DMITRE) to ensure that the leaseholders are aware of their responsibilities with respect to access to the 'private roads' within their lease area by both employees or contractors and the general public.

SA Police have been advised as to the status of these 'private roads' and where the responsibility for access management lies.



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### What does this mean for me?

Permits are required where an oversize or overmass vehicle or load is to be moved on a public road or, in the case of a Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) such as a B-Double or Road-Train, to allow temporary travel on a public road that is not part of the appropriate RAV Network.

In line with this position, DPTI, as the responsible Road Manager, will continue to provide Road Manager Consents for Oversize and Overmass vehicles and loads (where appropriate) for travel on the DPTI maintained road networks within the Cooper basin area, but will not extend that consent to 'private roads' located within a lease area.

While permits issued will no longer include a zone bounded by coordinates, access within the Cooper Basin area will remain essentially unchanged. Restricted Access Vehicles that do not require an oversize or overmass permit will have access to the appropriate route network, and those carrying an oversize or overmass load will operate under a permit that identifies the public roads for which access is approved.

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