



ROAD SAFETY TIPS FOR TOURING DURING THE WINTER

WHEN OVERTAKING

A road trip through the Pilbara is an amazing experience and we know everybody enjoys viewing our unique landscape and wildlife. By understanding what to do, by being courteous and patient we'll all arrive at our destination safely.



Overtaking heavy vehicles safely

- Be patient and wait for a long stretch of road with a clear view of what is ahead. Passing a road train can take as long as 60 seconds.
- Position your vehicle so you can see any oncoming traffic and so the road train driver can see you.
- If you can't see the side view mirrors on the truck while travelling behind, the driver cannot see you approaching.
- Establish communication. Use your UHF radio (if you have one) to call through on Channel 40, identify the road train by its asset or unit number. Example of a conversation;
 - You say: "Copy in PM12"
 - Truck reply: "Copy that"
 - You say: "I am in the vehicle behind you "Could you let me know when it is clear and safe to pass"
 - Be prepared to pass when the driver advises
 - Truck Reply: "Copy caravan behind PM12, it's clear to go".
 - You say: "Copy that, we are on our way".
- Only return to the left-hand lane once you see both headlights on the truck in your rear view-mirror and indicate before returning to the correct side of the road.



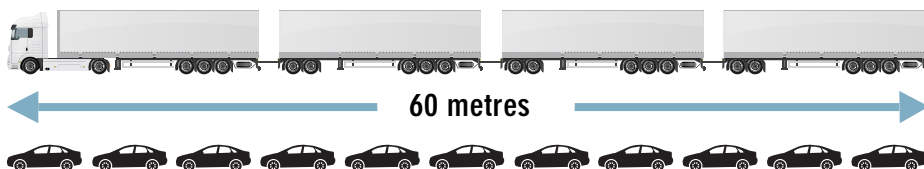


WHEN BEING OVERTAKEN

- If you're travelling with other caravans leave at least 100 metres between you and the caravan in front. Truck drivers need room to pull in after their overtaking manoeuvre.
- If your car and caravan is more than 7.5m long you must keep at least 200m behind any similar car/caravan or long vehicle on all roads outside built up areas, unless you are overtaking.
- Monitor your speed - If you are about to be overtaken by a road train maintain a consistent speed, don't brake suddenly, and don't speed up.
- Be prepared for wind buffet and allow for a slight tail swing from the rear trailer(s) whilst the truck is overtaking.
- Road trains range in length from 33 metres up to 60 metres, so let the driver know when he can pull in after his overtaking manoeuvre with a flash of your headlights.

Enjoy your trip, we hope it is a safe and enjoyable one.

Road trains can be up to 60 metres long -
that equates to 11 car lengths!



This is how many car and caravan lengths road trains travelling at 100km/h need to stop

over 200 metres