



# **National transport reform**

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# Context – the ‘cargo cult’

- co-operative reform model
- productivity challenges



# NTC: Co-operative federalism

- independent of government and industry
- reports direct to Transport Ministers (ATC)
- has runs on the board
- ... but inconsistent implementation

Blockades brought transport to a standstill



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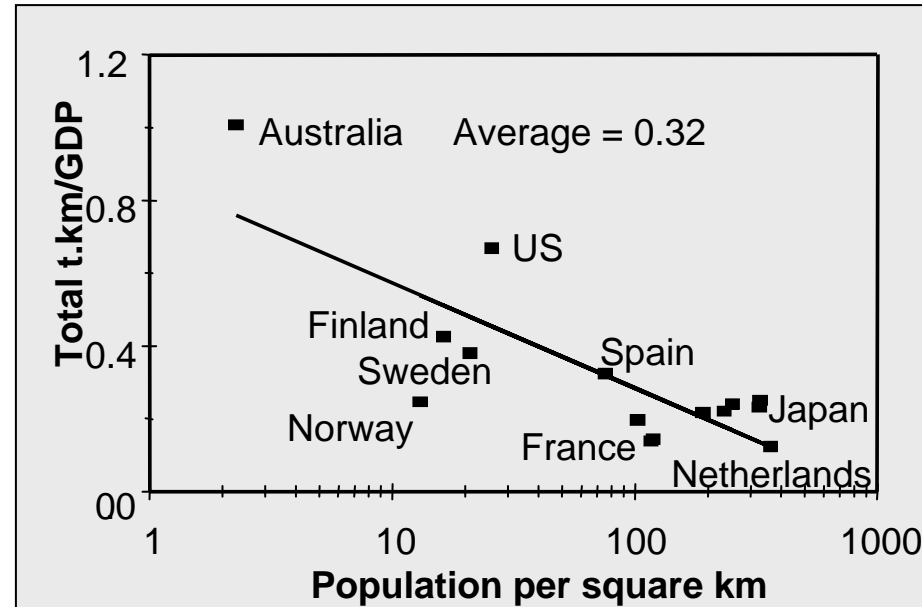
# Evolution of transport reform

## 1991: NRTC formed

- national heavy vehicle charges
- nationally consistent laws
- higher mass limit review
- Chain of Responsibility

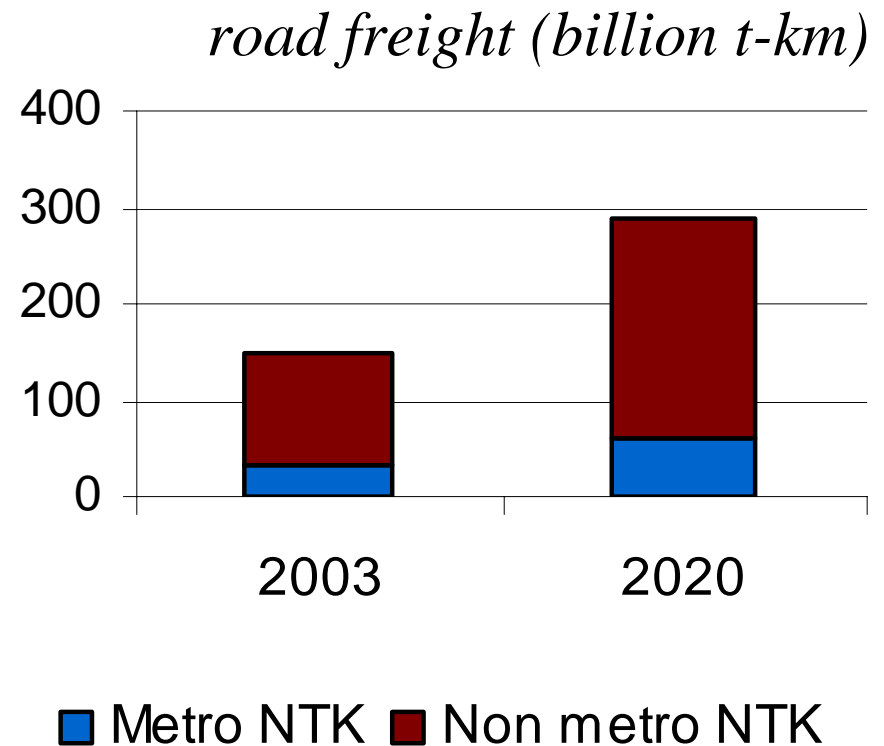
## 2004: Rail reform begins (NTC)

- nationally consistent rail safety legislation
- new fatigue laws (2008)



## *Twice The Task* – avoiding gridlock

- land transport task to double by 2020
- 'do nothing' = additional 50,000 trucks
- impact greatest at freight terminals/ports/urban areas



# SMART trucks



storage tank  
on wheels

higher  
capacity  
(+ 6t gross)

lift axle  
if empty



# Performance Based Standards

- road wear standards are the weak link



+ 6 pallets



saves 2 hours loading

10,000 less truck trips a year



# COAG pricing reform

COAG reform program to 2014:

- cost recovery
- incremental pricing
- mass-distance-location charges





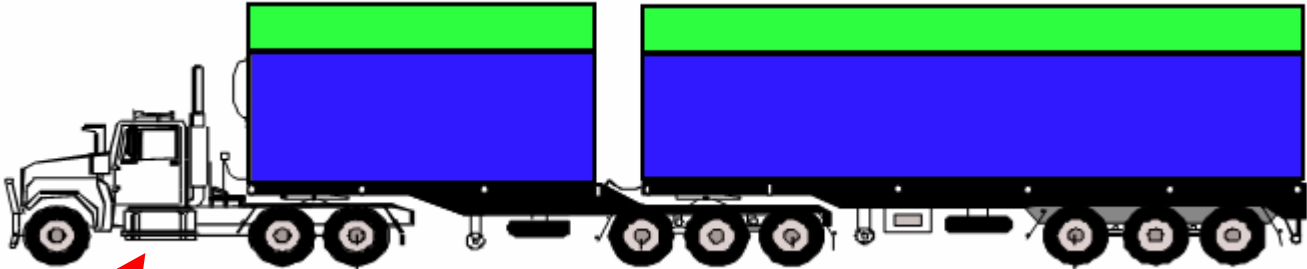
# Incremental pricing



incremental mass



regulated mass



can the truck carry heavier loads safely?

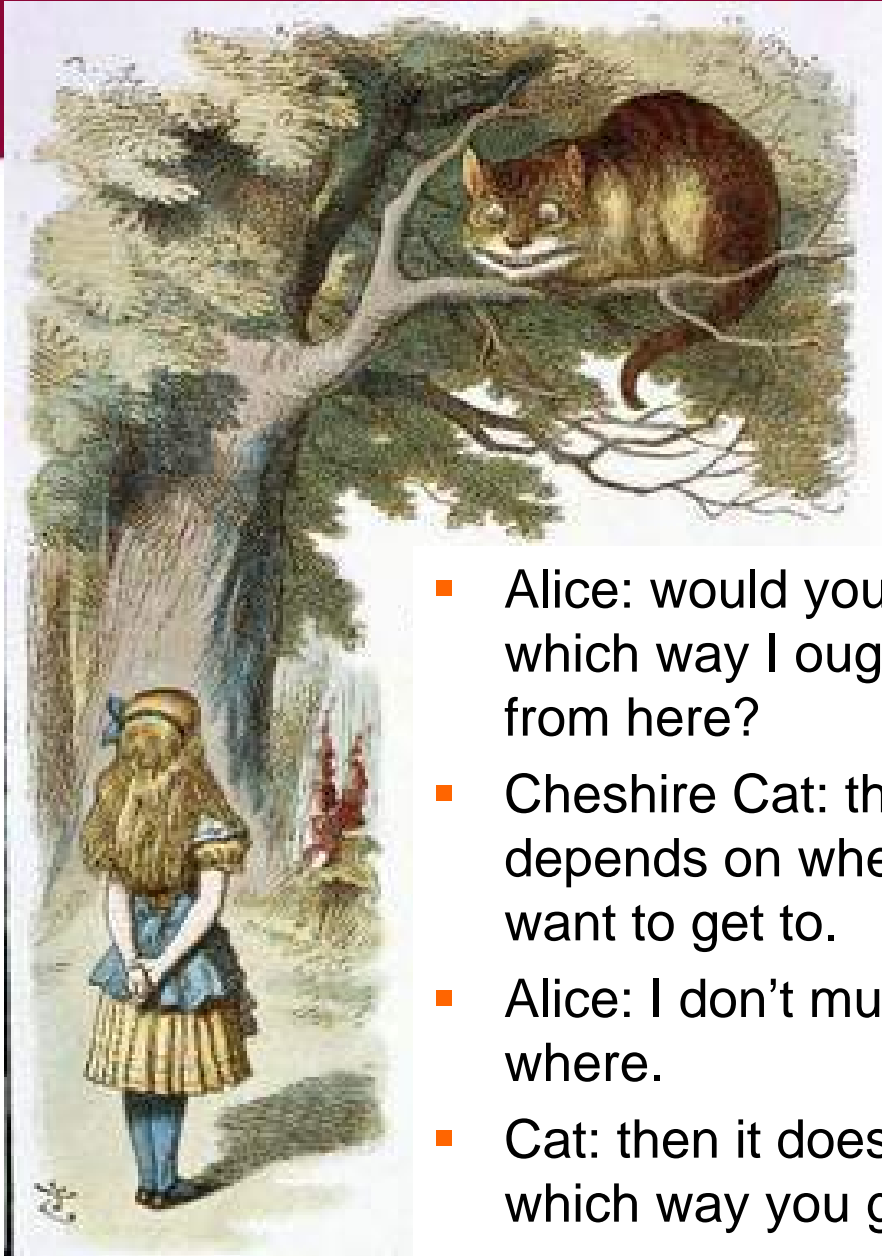
# Closing the loop

better utilise the  
existing network

maximise  
efficiency



# National approach



- Alice: would you tell me which way I ought to go from here?
- Cheshire Cat: that depends on where you want to get to.
- Alice: I don't much care where.
- Cat: then it doesn't matter which way you go.

# Questions



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