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## **North East Link essential to solve Rosanna Road concerns**

The missing North East Link is the only way to fully and finally resolve safety concerns about some roads in the north east that heavy vehicles must use to get between the Western Ring Road and the Eastern Freeway/Eastlink, according to Victoria's peak industry group for freight and logistics operators.

"The Victorian Transport Association is encouraged by the groundswell of support for this vital connection that has been building since we joined with the RACV, resident group Resolve Rosanna Road and AusVEG Victoria earlier this year to call on the government to get serious about the North East Link," said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

"Rosanna Road, being the main gazetted route for over dimensional vehicles between the Ring Road and the Eastern Freeway, is the only alternative for operators who need to get between the south east of Melbourne and the north.

"Regrettably, the night curfews on this and other roads in the area have only exacerbated the situation by putting more trucks on the roads during the morning peak and daytime," Mr Anderson said.

The North East Link has long been the VTA's priority road infrastructure project and Mr Anderson said the association would continue to lobby for its construction.

"The North East Link will create massive productivity improvements for freight and logistics operators and it will take a significant amount of heavy vehicle traffic off suburban roads in the area, making them safer for everyone," he said.

"Our estimates suggest up to 40 per cent of heavy vehicles would be eliminated from suburban roads in the area if the North East Link was built, which would significantly improve amenity for everyone through emissions reductions and the associated improvement in congestion that would eventuate."

"The VTA will continue to work closely with VicRoads, resident groups and other stakeholders on ways to make the road safer for all users in the interim until the North East Link is finally built," Mr Anderson said.

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