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VTA advocates role of ARTIO in safety and remuneration standards

The Victorian Transport Association has called for the Australian Road Transport Industrial Organisation to play a central role in the establishment and setting of any new version of “Safe Rates” and the now defunct Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal (RSRT), should there be a change of government next year.

The call comes as shadow assistant road safety minister Senator Glenn Sterle met with wide-ranging industry representatives, including the VTA, over the past week to discuss a range of issues facing operators including safety, remuneration, payment terms, productivity and other matters impacting freight and logistics operators.

“As the peak body tasked with representing the transport industry and its members on workplace and industrial relations matters, as well as matters before the Fair Work Commission, it is essential that ARTIO play a key role on any new version of the RSRT,” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

“ARTIO – as a national body focussed on industrial relations for the road transport industry – is uniquely placed to offer a national perspective on remuneration and safety as it applies to transport operators and those they employ because of its close integration with state-based industry groups like the VTA and others around Australia.

“The RSRT was poorly implemented, and it is encouraging that Senator Sterle has openly stated a federal Labor Government would not rush into a similar model that doesn’t work.

“However, we do recognise the potential value of a system that ensures minimum standards of operation, safety and labour welfare, that has the endorsement of industry and operators,” Mr Anderson said.

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