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VTA welcomes Opposition commitment to incentivise heavy vehicle toll road use

The Victorian Transport Association applauds the state Opposition's commitment to encourage toll road operators to provide discounts and other incentives for operators using toll roads, should they be successful at the November state election.

"As an industry group, the VTA has been advocating for similar incentives to encourage heavy vehicles to use the bigger toll roads, and we've had some recent wins with Transurban offering a night time discount for trucks on CityLink, as well as committing to a range of discounts when the West Gate Tunnel is built," said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

"Heavy vehicle tolls are disproportionately higher than tolls for other vehicle classifications, which contributes to higher operating costs for operators, so it's only fair that freight operators be offered incentives for frequent toll road use, especially when curfews and bans are being applied to alternative roads.

"We are encouraged that both the Government and the Opposition are recognising the importance of the transport industry to the health of the economy through their announcement of policies and other measures to improve productivity for freight operators.

"As we are seeing with WestConnex in Sydney and the West Gate Tunnel in Melbourne, private enterprises partnering with the government on expensive new projects is becoming the model for funding new infrastructure, which the VTA wholeheartedly embraces," Mr Anderson said.

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