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VTA welcomes Senate Inquiry into Road Transport Industry

The Victorian Transport Association has welcomed the approval of an Inquiry into the Road Transport Industry following a vote in the Australian Senate yesterday.

Shadow Assistant Minister for Road Safety Glenn Sterle has been instrumental in the establishment of the inquiry, which follows months of consultation with transport industry stakeholders, including the VTA, about regulatory and other measures that could be established and strengthened in order to maintain sustainability, profitability and safety for all supply-chain participants.

The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry were formulated after two Transport Industry Standard Forums attended by state and national industry associations, large, medium and small employers, employee representatives and other stakeholders were convened earlier this year. The second forum concluded an Inquiry was necessary, paving the way for its passage in the Senate yesterday.

The terms of reference for the inquiry are far-reaching and include issues of importance to both employers, owner-drivers and employees including road transport infrastructure, training and education, safety, technology, remuneration and the impacts of regulation and legislation across the industry.

“Australian and international supply chains experience ongoing change which has material impacts on freight and logistics operators, the businesses that supply them, and of course the transport workers they employ,” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

“Government has an important role to play in ensuring we have the right legislative and regulatory frameworks in place to anticipate and overcome existing and future challenges which is why we welcome this important Road Transport Industry Inquiry.

“The Inquiry will contribute to the maintenance of a viable and sustainable transport industry, which is what VTA members and supporters need to be able to confidently invest in their businesses and put more Australians to work in transport.”

Submissions to the Inquiry can be made by contacting the committee secretariat on 02 6277 3511 or at rrat.sen@aph.gov.au

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