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Truck curfews lifted in Victoria to create greater access for heavy vehicles

The Victorian Government has acted swiftly to lift curfews on heavy vehicles throughout the state.

Unprecedented demand for household goods at supermarkets has seen the supply chain having to react rapidly to keep supermarket shelves stocked. The VTA has recommended numerous common-sense ideas to create greater access by heavy vehicles and delivery trucks to supermarkets, including the easing of truck curfews on roads throughout the state.

We are pleased that the Government has heeded this advice and has acted quickly to temporarily remove all restrictions, which will enable supermarkets and store shelves to be replenished and restocked faster.

As we said yesterday, patience and a return to normalcy is required from consumers so that supply chains can satisfy the unprecedented demand seen over the past week.

While consumers are rightly concerned about COVID-19, they do not need to be worried about supermarkets running out of goods because all the evidence points to there being ample stock in the supply chain.

What we don't want to see are shoppers thinking they have to buy a month's worth of groceries every time they go to the store. If shoppers would resist the temptation to buy household essentials they might see on the shelves but don't have a pressing need for, it would give others with a genuine need a chance.

Regards

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