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## **VTA advocates for better border crossing regime to keep supply chains moving**

The VTA is working closely with state governments to try and resolve issues at the Victorian border with New South Wales that are holding up the free and efficient movement of freight between these vital jurisdictions.

Since the border was closed at midnight, we have been made aware of inconsistencies that have arisen with respect to the issuance and enforcement of border permits, and the procedures transport workers carrying out their work as a critical service are required to comply with.

Many of the practical requirements are simply unworkable for heavy vehicle drivers, such as the requirement to isolate while in NSW, when to quarantine for 14 days and the requirement to renew permits every two weeks.

We are articulating these concerns to key stakeholders in the hope that they see sense and make the changes that are necessary for a smoother and more free flowing and safe way for freight drivers to cross the border.

The VTA will continue to update members on our efforts to land on a better solution for keeping one of our most vital freight routes moving. In the meantime, operators intending to transport freight into NSW must complete the online application at this [link](#).

Please contact the VTA anytime on 03 9646 8590 any time if you require further information.

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