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VTA - NSW Border Crossing Update

It has been an interesting day trying to get the attention of the politicians and decision makers to re-think the directive of seven day COVID-19 testing for interstate truck driver and workers.

The coal face reaction from operators has been overwhelming in its concern and confusion on what these directions mean to their businesses.

The VTA has been working to reinforce the message that this direction will not work with federal ministers and state ministers, government administrators and other associations.

We will be making sure that the media are informed and that this issue needs review as soon as possible.

The good news is that the enforcement process is not in place.

The directive to start the process of testing drivers puts every Victorian based operator into contradiction with current state law.

The disruption to the supply chains will be huge and will include general freight, air freight, cement, livestock, dairy, timber and more industry sectors if this directive goes ahead.

The VTA is working hard to ensure that this issue is reviewed and approached from a different angle.

There is no doubt that the number of COVID cases in Victoria creates alarm in other states.

I am sure no one would be against random testing at the border.

It would have the same results as random checking of a seven day test.

Please continue to provide the team at VTA your feedback on border crossings. Please contact reception@vta.com.au

We will keep the industry up to date as this issue progresses.