



MEDIA RELEASE

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Victorian Government investment in VTA Driver Delivery Program

I'm thrilled to announce the Victorian Government has invested an additional \$1 million into training heavy vehicle drivers to keep our supply chains moving through an extension to its partnership with the VTA.

Since 2016 we have successfully worked with the government to provide accredited training for aspiring heavy vehicle drivers, and upon completion, assisting them to secure employment in freight and logistics roles.

The Driver Delivery program has received continuous investment from the Victorian Government, and this has led to the training and placement of nearly 400 skilled drivers on our roads. The VTA coordinates training with qualified providers and helps graduates secure stable positions with reputable transport companies.

This partnership between government and industry to tackle skill shortages, follows the success of the 2023 Freight Industry Training for Jobseekers project, which facilitated employment for more than 125 individuals in freight and warehousing.

A key part of program is its intent to improve safety on our roads, whilst also tackling heavy vehicle driver shortages, and attracting and retain younger drivers for our critical supply transport and logistics supply chains.

We extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to Victorian Minister for Ports & Freight and Roads & Road Safety Melissa Horne for her support of the program and advocacy for the industry.

For further information on the program please don't hesitate to contact VTA Freight Industry Training Manager Tim Garnett on 9646 8590 or visit <https://vta.com.au/driver-delivery/>

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