

# MEDIA RELEASE

## NSW Regional Trucking Forum



### NSW ALP livestock loading review welcomed

The announcement of an 'in-principle commitment' to review livestock loading arrangements by the NSW Labor government has been welcomed by the NSW Regional Trucking Forum.

The proposal by the NSW Labor government will see a review of increased livestock limits in return for operators complying with a livestock accreditation scheme facilitated by the Australian Livestock Transporters Association (*TruckCare*), access management compliance, and road friendly suspension maintenance.

Importantly, the commitment means bulk carriers can now anticipate similar policy outcomes, such as a review of NSW adopting Queensland's Grain Harvest Management Scheme.

"We would expect all compliance assurance criteria to be at least as rigorous as those attached to Higher Mass Limits in NSW - regardless of the payload," ARTA Executive Director, John Morris, said.

"While caution must be applied to any system that allows the potential for limitless weight restrictions on any form of freight, we warmly welcome the NSW government's willingness to engage with industry on achieving a balance."

"We welcome the recognition of the benefits of accreditation by the NSW Government and look forward to exploring how the other core industry driven programs such as TruckSafe can be better recognised," NatRoad CEO, Bernie Belacic, said.

"We applaud this is a clear example of industry working productively with government to achieve proactive results," Mr Morris said.

#### Editors note:

The NSW Regional Trucking Forum agenda continues next week, following on from last week's successful event in Tamworth.

City	Date	Place	Time
ALBURY	Mon 12th March	Albury Commercial Club, 618 Dean St	6pm – 8pm
WAGGA	Tue 13th March	Wagga RSL, Dobbs St	6pm – 8pm
DUBBO	Wed 14th March	Cascades Motor Inn, 141 Cobra St	6pm – 8pm
DAPTO	Thur 15th March	Dapto Leagues Club, Bong Bong Rd	6pm – 8pm

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