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Final chance to get involved in 2017 trucking industry election

Trucking operators wanting to have their say on critical issues affecting the industry have until Wednesday to get involved in the 2017 ATA election, the Chair of the Australian Trucking Association, Noelene Watson, said today.

“Both voter registrations and candidate nominations for the ATA election will close at 5pm this Wednesday, 22 February,” Mrs Watson said.

“In the election trucking operators will elect one owner driver representative and one small fleet operator with 2 to 5 trucks to the ATA General Council.

“The Council sets our strategic policy direction, and the representatives have a direct say in Council and on our policy committees.”

To nominate as a candidate for the owner driver position, you must own, be purchasing or leasing one truck over 4.5 tonnes and drive it, be registered as a voter in ATA elections, and be a member of an ATA member organisation.

To nominate as a candidate for the small fleet position, you must own, be purchasing or leasing 2 to 5 trucks over 4.5 tonnes, be registered as a voter in ATA elections, and be a member of an ATA member organisation.

To register to vote in the election, you must own, be purchasing or leasing 1-5 trucks over 4.5 tonnes. You will also need to provide a valid ABN and an email address that is unique to you.

“You can’t have your say if you don’t register to vote, so I urge owner drivers and small fleet operators to register online at the ATA website. It’s easy, fast and there’s no paperwork anymore,” Mrs Watson said.

The ATA has appointed distinguished former public servant Phil Potterton as the Independent Returning Officer to conduct the election.

If more than one nomination is received in a category an election will be conducted in March 2017. The election will be conducted entirely online, using a secure voting system, following a review of the 2015 election and independent advice from the ACT Electoral Commission.

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