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ATA LAUNCHES REGISTRATION LABEL COST SURVEY

The Australian Trucking Association is seeking the input of road transport operators to determine the cost to the industry of physical registration labels.

The ATA has previously called upon governments to abolish truck registration labels.

“Registration labels have long been an issue for road transport operators. With the hassle of having to track down a truck which could possibly be thousands of kilometres away to change the label, right through to incurring heavy penalties for displaying out of date or incorrect labels, they need to be abolished,” the CEO of the ATA, Ben Maguire said.

“In order to effectively advocate for the removal, we need more information from road transport operators to accurately calculate the savings to the industry, and present these savings to government.

“If we can present accurate figures of savings, along with the huge success of removing registration labels in WA, we hope to encourage the state governments operating under the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) to follow in the footsteps of Western Australia in removing labels,” he said.

One of the main objectives with the reform is to enable operators to pay registration charges monthly by direct debit. This is only feasible possible once registration labels are removed.

“A monthly registration option would have a positive cash flow effect on road transport operators across Australia. The cash flow risk associated with high registration charges, would be drastically reduced if operators could pay registration charges monthly,” Mr Maguire said.

“Meanwhile, the ATA is continuing its efforts to stop governments overcharging the truck and bus industries.

Independent figures from the NTC show that governments will overcharge Australia’s truck and bus operators by \$515 million in 2016-17 and 2017-18.

“We need an independent price regulator to take the politics out of registration and fuel charges and set them fairly,” he said.

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