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FRANK BLACK RE-ELECTED IN TRUCKING INDUSTRY ELECTION

Frank Black (Arcidiaco) of Coopers Plains, Queensland, has been re-elected as the owner driver representative on the General Council of the Australian Trucking Association (ATA), the peak body representing the trucking industry.

There were two candidates in the election: Mr Black and Allan Clark of West Wyalong, New South Wales. Of the 79 ballot papers admitted to the count, Mr Black received 41 votes. Mr Clark received 38.

Mr Black said he had been an owner driver for 27 years.

"Owner drivers and their families are an important part of the transport industry. They work long hours and spend long periods away from each other just to make ends meet," Mr Black said.

"I intend to work on increasing the ATA's understanding of the issues facing owner drivers, such as the stresses we're under on registration, cost recovery and the unworkable laws we face.

"I'd like to thank my opponent, Allan Clark, for his election bid, and I would also like to thank the owner drivers who took the time to vote. I hope they'll keep a keen interest in what I do, and I urge any owner driver to contact me if there is an issue you want me to raise," he said.

Mr Black will hold the position for the next two years.

Also in the election, industry stalwart **Doug McMillan** of Wodonga, Victoria, was re-elected unopposed as the small fleet (2-5 truck) representative on the ATA General Council.

The ACT Electoral Commission conducted the owner driver election by postal ballot. 133 trucking operators registered to vote in the election; 83 declaration envelopes were returned before the close of polls on Tuesday 12 March; 4 of those ballot papers could not be admitted to the count because the declaration was unsigned.

The official declaration of results from Elections ACT is available at www.truck.net.au/ataelection.

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