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RE: Starting Emission Trading on 1 July 2014 - Exposure Draft Legislation

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education has released draft legislation to start emissions trading on 1 July 2014, rather than 1 July 2015.

The draft bills make amendments to the *Clean Energy Act 2011*, the *Australian National Registry of Emissions Units Act 2011*, the *Fuel Tax Act 2006*, and the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*. The changes are predominantly technical in nature.

The Australian Trucking Association (ATA) supports the amendments to the Clean Energy Legislation. We understand the amendments to the *Fuel Tax Act 2006* do not extend the carbon price to fuel used in heavy vehicles on road.

The heavy vehicle industry has made substantial investments to ensure it meets and improves emission standards.

The ATA will continue to argue that the Government should not go ahead with its plan to implement a carbon charge on fuel used in on road heavy vehicle use.

If the Government does decide to go ahead with this plan, there will need to be consultation between the Department, Treasury and the ATA about the appropriateness of adjusting the carbon reduction amount every six months, with only three weeks' notice.

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Yours faithfully

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