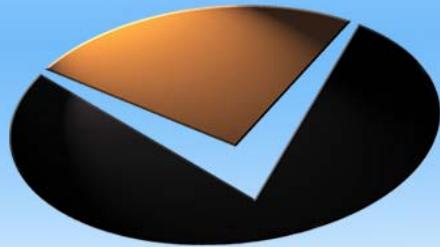




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## VTA cautions industry on spiralling congestion costs

The VTA is [urging members](#) to ensure the financial impacts of rampant congestion are being factored into contractual arrangements with new and existing customers. Spiralling costs in the form of higher fuel and maintenance charges, and productivity losses from vehicles and drivers idling in traffic, have the potential to cripple operators that have not factored its consequences into their models. The VTA is educating consumers through its advocacy work to expect to pay more for goods because of higher supply chain costs, and urges operators to have similar conversations with their customers so they understand why higher costs are an unwelcome but necessary impact of congestion.

## Opposition road plans demonstrate long-term vision

The Liberal National Coalition has released a visionary \$30 billion dollar [Get Victoria Moving](#) road plan that would see it concurrently build the North East Link and a variation of the East West Link, whilst removing 55 intersections gridlocked by congestion. The VTA [applauds](#) the long-term thinking behind this plan that is designed to seamlessly connect Melbourne's disjointed freeway network, which will have productivity benefits for freight operators and the broader economy. Congestion is shaping up as a defining election issue and the VTA will regularly update members on the policies of all major political parties.

## Save the Date for VTA forum with Premier Daniel Andrews

Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews has accepted an invitation to meet with VTA members and discuss issues impacting the freight and industry. Details of the event are currently being finalised, however members are urged to pencil in the late afternoon of **Wednesday, 15 August** to meet with the Premier. The VTA will announce event details including location and pricing within the next fortnight.

## **Wages schedule updated following FWC Annual Wage Review**

Following the recent Annual Wage Review by the Fair Work Commission, the VTA has updated the wages schedules to reflect the 3.5 % increase awarded to all award classifications. The Award circulars outlining the changes can be accessed from the member's section of the [VTA and VWMA websites](#).

For further information on these or any specific industrial matters please contact Paul Ryan on (03) 9646 8590, or email [reception@vta.com.au](mailto:reception@vta.com.au)

## **NHVR releases guide for B-double car carriers**

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has announced amendments that take effect on 1 July will allow a prime mover in a 26-metre B-double combination that is carrying, or built to carry, vehicles, to have a deck fitted over the top, according to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR). The amendment is contained in NHVR document Vehicle Standards Guide 23 (VSG-23), which provides advice to the industry about changes that will be made to the requirements for a combination that is a B-double and is fitted with two decks for carrying vehicles. For further information refer to the guidance [here](#).

## **Operators urged to note disruption from West Gate Tunnel roadworks**

The consortium behind the West Gate Tunnel project have announced detours for oversize vehicles via Hyde and Napier Streets because of works to divert a section of the North Yarra Main Sewer. The 12-month detour will see oversize vehicles diverted away from construction zones on Whitehall Street via Hyde and Napier Streets. The VTA has published the notification and a map of the detour on its website [here](#). Information about other roadworks disrupting Victoria's road network is available on the VTA [website](#).

## **VTA Regional Forum registrations open**

A reminder that the VTA is accepting registrations for its annual Regional Forums in July, which this year will visit Portland, Geelong, Albury-Wodonga and Sale. The Forums will include presentations and updates from a range of regulatory and enforcement agencies including WorkSafe Victoria, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, Regional Roads Victoria and the VTA. The free events are being held from 7-9am and include breakfast. Further information and information on how to register is contained in the [flyer](#).

## **Prime Mover June: Unprecedented infrastructure spend for Victoria**

VTA CEO Peter Anderson outlines how freight operators will benefit from unprecedented infrastructure spending in the Victorian and Commonwealth governments in his June Prime Mover magazine column, available online [here](#).

## Training programs

- [Chain of Responsibility – Load Restraints](#) – 11 July 2018
- [Master Class – Business planning you can Implement](#) – 19 July 2018
- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 3, 7 and 17 July 2018

For more details download the flyer at the VTA [website](#) or for the prescribed industrial waste courses download the flyer from the [VWMA training](#) page.

## Upcoming events

- Regional Visits; Portland (July 10), Geelong, (July 11), Albury-Wodonga (July 17), Sale (July 25)
- Member Forum with Premier Daniel Andrews, 15 August
- Australian Freight Industry Awards; September 1