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REST AREAS ARE SUPPLY CHAIN INFRASTRUCTURE: LBRCA WELCOMES NEW INVESTMENT

The Livestock, Bulk and Rural Carriers Association (LBRCA) has welcomed the announcement of more than \$9 million for new and upgraded heavy vehicle rest areas by the Australian and State Governments.

LBRCA President Wade Lewis, said safe and accessible rest areas that were in the right locations were essential infrastructure for heavy vehicle drivers, particularly those travelling long distances across rural and regional Australia.

“For our drivers, the road is the workplace. Having somewhere safe and practical to pull up, take a break and manage fatigue is fundamental to keeping drivers and other road users safe, and it is part of the safety and regulatory environment we work in,” Mr Lewis said.

The funding includes new and improved facilities across four states, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

“The LBRCA welcomes proactive investment in trucking infrastructure that makes a difference and responds to what drivers need on the road.”

"Many drivers spend days away from their home base, moving critical goods and commodities, including bulk agricultural goods and livestock, over long distances in remote and rural locations. Having adequate rest and pull-over facilities makes a real difference."

“Maintaining continued investment in our freight network, including for supporting infrastructure such as pull over bays, rest areas, passing lanes and wash down facilities, should be a priority for all levels of government.

"The LBRCA will continue to identify the gaps and inform government decision making, road freight is a critical part of national supply chains, particularly for our exports, food and fuel security." Mr Lewis said.

LBRCA looks forward to continuing to work with governments, road managers and industry to strengthen Australia's heavy vehicle road network.

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About LBRCA

Established in 1987, the Livestock, Bulk and Rural Carriers Association represents professional transport operators moving agricultural products across Australia. LBRCA advocates for safe, productive and sustainable freight outcomes that support regional and rural communities, industries and supply chains.