



## Media Release

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### A win for farmers as VicRoads expands road train network

After months of lobbying from the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF), VicRoads has announced the extension of the Victorian road train network.

“The VFF, with our members, have been calling out for measures to make it easier for hay and fodder to reach farmers in need,” said Mr Ross Johns, VFF Grains Group President.

“VicRoads should be congratulated for listening and acting,” he said. “This change will have a positive impact on many, both those transporting feed and those farmers urgently needing supplies.

“Given the current dry conditions, facilitating the efficient movement of hay and grain to drought-affected farmers is critical.

“We congratulate VicRoads and the Minister on this first step, and encourage the Government to permanently extend the road train network to deliver increased access and efficiency on Victorian roads.

“The Andrews Government is almost half-way through its first 100 days. Infrastructure, particularly fit-for-purpose roads, is a key area where the Government could make significant improvements and invest to support Victoria’s agriculture sector,” said Mr Johns.

The expanded [road train network](#) will include the Western Highway from the South Australian border, the Borung Highway between Dimboola and Warracknabeal and the Henty Highway from Horsham to Ouyen.

Road train operators are now able to apply for a permit to transport hay and feed to the drought affected areas in New South Wales and Queensland.

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#### About the VFF

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is dedicated to representing the interests of farmers and making a positive difference to their businesses and communities. We strive to create an environment for our members, our farmers, that enables profitable, safe, sustainable production to ensure an enduring social licence in a community that respects and values the sector.