

Media Release



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Victorian drought road train network extended

As a result of Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) lobbying, VicRoads has announced the extension of the Victorian drought road train network to include Calder Highway, just in time for harvest.

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

“VicRoads should be congratulated for listening and acting quickly,” he said. “This network extension will have a positive impact on those transporting feed and on farmers in urgent need of supplies.

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

“We look forward to continuing to work with VicRoads to further increase access for high productivity freight vehicles and improve the efficient movement of food and fibre,” said Mr Fraser.

Farmers will now be able to apply for a permit to transport hay and feed to drought affected areas in New South Wales and Queensland on road trains along the Calder Hwy from Charlton to Mildura. This builds on the existing drought road train network on the Borung and Henty Highways.

You can view the Victoria’s full [road train network here](#).

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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.