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Federal Taskforce needed to address AdBlue shortage

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is calling on the Federal Government to urgently form a taskforce to address potential AdBlue shortages, an essential anti-pollution chemical required to run heavy vehicles and machinery.

AdBlue is used to reduce the level of nitrogen oxide emitted from a diesel motor and is common in newer Euro Six-compliant heavy vehicles and some agricultural machinery manufactured after 2015.

Chair of the VFF's Infrastructure and Transport Committee Ryan Milgate said the essential ingredient played a key role in keeping Australia's supply chains moving.

"Modern machinery and truck motors are designed to keep emissions within legal requirements. Without sufficient AdBlue, some engines are programmed to stop working, rendering them unable to operate."

"The agricultural supply chain is already under huge strain with truck driver shortages and global supply chain disruptions, and we can't afford to put the supply chain under any more pressure."

"As farmers produce essential perishable goods, the supply of critical inputs like Adblue is essential to maintaining our food security," Mr Milgate said.

Mr Milgate added the shortage is a stark reminder of Australia's over-reliance on international supplies.

"This needs to be a big wake-up call about the risks of relying on concentrated international supply chains."

"We need to increase our domestic manufacturing capacity to increase Australia's resilience to international supply chain shocks."

"It's critical the AdBlue supply chain including manufacturers, the fertiliser industry, transport operators and government work together to address the shortages."

"We'll be asking the Federal Government to form an urgent taskforce to monitor this issue very closely," Mr Milgate said.

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