

Media Release

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REDUCING TRUCKS ON INNER WEST STREETS

The Allan Labor Government's new No-Truck Zones are taking large trucks off local streets in Melbourne's west, improving safety and liveability for residents.

Once the West Gate Tunnel opens later this year, six 24-hour No-Truck Zones are being introduced on key roads across the inner west, including Francis Street and Somerville Road in Yarraville, Buckley Street and Moore Street in Footscray, Blackshaws Road in Altona North and Hudsons Road in Spotswood.

The new regulations will allow certain heavy vehicles to travel across No-Truck Zones including buses, tow trucks, concrete trucks and waste disposal trucks.

Two-axle trucks that aren't transporting shipping containers will also be allowed to access No-Truck Zones – ensuring the delivery of groceries, parcels and other services to residents across the inner west without disruption.

Motor homes, emergency service and police vehicles that are classed as heavy vehicles, as well as trucks that are garaged within No-Truck Zones, will be able to travel through these designated zones.

Exemptions will also apply for truck deliveries, construction or maintenance work, and vehicle repairs and sales.

Heavy vehicles entering No-Truck Zones will be monitored by smart roadside cameras that can detect and categorise a vehicle's exemption status and motorists may face fines if caught in zones they are not permitted to travel through.

These No-Truck Zones will remove thousands of trucks every day from residential streets and redirect them through the new West Gate Tunnel – improving safety, air quality and reducing noise for local communities in our inner west.

Earlier this month, the Labor Government announced Sensor Dynamics has been awarded the contract to supply and install cameras that will assist the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) with monitoring and enforcement.

The introduction of these regulations follows a trial in September 2022 which monitored curfews and restrictions for trucks moving through the inner west, as well as ongoing consultation. Further information can be found at transport.vic.gov.au/no-truck-zones.

Quote attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

"These regulations and the smart cameras will help us take thousands of trucks a day off local streets right across the inner west, improving safety and air quality for the community when the West Gate Tunnel opens later this year."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"These regulations mean that local residents will see less trucks on their residential streets when No-Truck Zones across the inner west come into effect, without compromising the delivery of groceries, parcels and other services."