

# Media Release

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## TRUCK CURFEW TO EASE CONGESTION ON BEACH ROAD

The Andrews Labor Government is helping to reduce traffic congestion in the bayside area by extending truck restrictions along Beach Road.

Minister for Roads Jaala Pulford joined Member for Albert Park Martin Foley today to announce 24/7 truck restrictions along Beach Road between Port Melbourne and Mordialloc are set to begin.

The new curfew will ease congestion on local roads and improve traffic flow for both truck drivers and the local community, it will also make our valuable beach side communities more accessible and safe.

Trucks making local deliveries, loading or unloading goods, or with no other route will be exempt from the ban.

The restrictions do not include other vehicles such as buses, caravans, cranes or concrete pumps.

Since 2017, there has been a range of truck curfew times trialled along Beach Road between Bay Street in Port Melbourne and Nepean Highway in Mordialloc.

The 24/7 restrictions have been introduced following strong community support for the curfews and will come into effect from 25 February.

The Labor Government has worked with the truck industry and community to find the best way to balance the needs of freight and other commuters on the road network.

VicRoads will be collecting data to better understand how trucks use the Nepean Highway to better plan and manage the freight network.

Data collected throughout the restriction will help to inform future changes to the road infrastructure and optimisation of traffic signals to improve movement around the Victorian freight network.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads Jaala Pulford

*“By introducing truck bans on Beach Road, we’ll improve the flow of traffic and reduce congestion.”*

*“We’re leaving local roads for cars and moving freight onto freight routes, which will improve traffic flow and increase safety for the hundreds of visitors to the area as well as the local community.”*

### Quote attributable to Member for Albert Park Martin Foley

*“We’re reducing truck traffic in the bayside area because the amenity and safety of bayside and beach communities’ matter.”*