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## NSW Regional Trucking Forum



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### Strong representation for NSW forums

Strong bi-partisan engagement was the key feature of the NSW Regional Trucking Forums, which wrapped on Thursday in Wollongong, the conveners of the events said today.

Conducted by NatRoad and the Australian Road Train Association, the forums – held in Tamworth, Albury, Wagga Wagga, Dubbo, and Wollongong – were all attended by the sitting members of each area, plus their key challengers for the seat.

“What we achieved through our forums was the opportunity for industry to engage with their next representative on the state political stage,” Australian Road Train Association Executive Director, John Morris said.

“It was essential that industry was able to be presented with a strong balanced view from all sides of politics – and that was what we delivered to them.”

The forums allowed Labor, Coalition, Independents, and minor party candidates to present their policy positions, and then be scrutinised by attendees from the floor through an open forum.

“There was robust debate between candidates and strong opinions projected from attendees, but at the end of the day, industry participants were able to walk away with a clear view of what the candidates stood for,” according to NatRoad CEO, Bernie Belacic.

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