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## PRODUCTIVITY AND SAFETY ARE NOT EXCLUSIVE OF EACH OTHER

Ultimate outcomes for productivity and safety can be achieved together – and not at the expense of each other, Chief Executive of the Australian Road Train Association, Duncan Bremner, said today.

“Productivity is obviously at the core of any business – including the transport sector – and having the safest operating environment means having the optimum productivity,” Mr Bremner said.

Mr Bremner made the comments in light of criticism of the industry’s peak body, the Australian Trucking Association (ATA), for challenging the notion that the industry must choose between the two, specifically in regards to high productivity vehicles such as B-Triples.

“To suggest productivity and safety must be at odds with each other is blatant and misleading scaremongering, seemingly by people who know the truth but find it at odds with their ulterior objectives,” Mr Bremner said.

“The truth and reality regarding B-Triples is that they have actually been proven to be comprehensively safer than B-Doubles by virtue of their ratio of gross weight to wheels on the ground – meaning better breaking, better tracking, and better performance.

“Indeed this has been recognised by states such as Victoria and Queensland who currently authorise their use, and even by NSW, who previously allowed their use back in 2000 and are set to allow limited access in the near future.”

Mr Bremner recognised that the additional length could be of concern to some, but highlighted similar fears relating to the introduction of B-Doubles back in the 1980s quickly subsided.

“I empathise with those who are intimidated by these vehicles,” Mr Bremner said, “but even the gentlest giant can be confronting for purely through its size, and these vehicles will only run on routes that road trains and B-Doubles already operate.

“The reality is that as long as the community expectation grows for the prompt delivery of the clothes on their backs, food on their plates, and furniture in their house, the demand for greater productivity from the trucking sector will only increase into the future.”

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