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ARTA WELCOMES 'AS OF RIGHT' BAB QUADS IN QUEENSLAND

The Australian Road Train Association (ARTA) is delighted with the decision by the Queensland government to formally acknowledge 'BAB Quads' (two B-Double sets linked with a dolly) as an "As of Right" vehicle in Queensland on designated routes, newly-elected ARTA President Alan Magill said today.

Mr Magill said the outcome was the result of sustained campaigning by the ARTA and its fellow members of the Queensland Trucking Council.

The Queensland Trucking Council comprises of the ARTA, NatRoad, the Queensland Trucking Association, and the Livestock Transporters Association of Queensland.

"This win is the result of sustained campaigning by my predecessors, past Presidents Darby Sullivan and Bill Baskett, our Executive Director John Morris, and our industry association colleagues over the last seven years," Mr Magill said.

"Through ARTA's positions on the Remote Areas Consultative Group (RACG) and the Queensland Road Freight Advisory Committee (RFIC) we were able to advance this key development in innovative multi-combination heavy vehicle application under the technical guidance of Les Brusza of Queensland Transport.

"Les Brusza has long been one of the true champions of innovative multi-combination vehicles, and we simply would not have been able to achieve such a break through without his guiding assistance.

"It is refreshing in an era when most regulation is concerned with stifling productivity gains that a government will formally recognise the genuine productive and safety benefits associated with allowing such a vehicle to operate on our roads."

Guidelines for the application are available at:

http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Industry/Freight_and_heavy_vehicles/Heavy_vehicles/Multi_combination_vehicles/

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Parkes NSW-based operator Alan Magill, A & R Magill Transport, was elected ARTA President at the 2008 ARTA Annual General Meeting, recently held in Dubbo NSW.

