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REGIONAL TRUCK OPERATORS FEEL THE PINCH FROM THE DROUGHT

The impact of the ongoing drought is taking its toll on truck operators who rely on agricultural work for their income, the Executive Director of the Australian Road Train Association, John Morris, said today.

"The decline in livestock, grain, and hay is having a direct impact on the ability of truck operators to generate income," Mr Morris said.

"A lack of agricultural productivity means a lack of transport productivity."

Mr Morris welcomed comments by the Prime Minister yesterday that the federal government is considering extending financial assistance to rural businesses affected by the drought.

"Everyone appreciates it is the farmers who are on the frontline battling this drought, but we welcome the recognition by the Prime Minister that when the agricultural sector starts to stumble, a lot of others fall with it," Mr Morris said.

"The Prime Minister's comments are promising news, and we look forward to a positive outcome."

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