



Media release

The Hon Terry Mulder MP

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Better crane access for industry

- **Victorian Coalition Government reducing regulatory burden for crane industry**
- **Operators will not require a permit to travel on around 700 roads**
- **Victorian Coalition Government building a better Victoria**

Crane operators will have easier access to roads, with the Victorian Coalition Government announcing that operators will not require a permit to travel on around 700 roads, Minister for Roads Terry Mulder said today.

“Over 460 metropolitan roads and 240 local roads in the municipalities of Greater Dandenong, Cardinia, Hume and Hobsons Bay will be available to travel on without the need for a permit,” Mr Mulder said.

“This figure is expected to grow rapidly in coming weeks as more councils come on board.

“The new network will reduce the regulatory burden for the industry, with crane operators able to get out on the road when needed, without waiting for a permit to be issued.

“However, permits will still be required for travel on other parts of the road network and compliance monitoring will continue.

“This initiative increases the confidence with which industry can do business in Victoria.

VicRoads, on behalf of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, issues approximately 600 crane permits per month.

“Operators will also benefit from VicRoads’ work on an approved network for 2 and 3 axle terrain cranes and a rural crane network for regional Victoria which are expected to be finalised later this year,” Mr Mulder said

Brent Stacey from the Victorian Crane Association welcomed these initiatives in reducing red tape, and thanked the Victorian Government, VicRoads and local government for stepping in to support the industry.

“The association has strongly advocated for such networks throughout Victoria, and this will make the day to day job so much easier for many of our operators to get to and from work sites,” Mr Stacey said.

VicRoads has developed a user-friendly online map that can be quickly updated as additional roads are approved for inclusion in the gazetted network for these cranes.

This new network adds to the existing number of approved routes that B-Doubles, Higher Mass Limit vehicles, road train vehicles, controlled access buses and semi-trailers (transporting containers up to 48 tonnes) can use.

The new maps can be viewed at

www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/Moreinfoandservices/HeavyVehicles/AccessandRouteInformation/

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