

Project Evaluation Finding

Princes Highway East Truck Rest Area Signage Upgrade

Project Description

Truck rest area signage upgrades were carried out on Princes Highway East between Longwarry to the NSW border to better inform truck drivers of suitable rest areas and assist in fatigue management. This involved installing new signage up to 5km on approach to the truck rest area.

Output

As part of the *Better Roads for More Communities* program, the project was delivered to:

- Increase regional commercial and industrial activity
- Increase transport network efficiency
- Improve road safety.

Cost & Duration

- \$614,000 – delivered on budget
- Opened in June 2018 – On time

Working with others

Regional Roads Victoria worked with the Eastern Region Alliance, local councils and various freight operators during the development of this project.

Benefits Achieved

Increased Regional Commercial and Industrial Activity

- While freight traffic along Princes Highway East has decreased as a result of events in 2020 (COVID-19 and Gippsland bushfires), heavy vehicle utilisation of truck rest areas across the highway has increased by 28% following project completion.

Improved Road Safety

- There has been a 35% reduction in fatigue related crashes involving heavy vehicles since the implementation of signage upgrades. It is noted this benefit may also be attributed to other projects aimed to address safety along Princes Highway East.



Figure – Example of a new truck rest area signage

More Information

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