

Project Evaluation Finding

Princes Highway East, Bruthen-Nowa Nowa Road Truck Parking Bays

Project Description

Bruthen-Nowa Nowa Rest Area has been upgraded with improvements to truck parking bays, aiming to fill the gap in suitable facilities and to reduce driver fatigue related crashes.

Output

The project delivered eight truck parking bays, eight car parking spaces and one bus parking space to:

- Provide more regular interval of rest areas so freight operators can more easily and safely plan their trips with required rest breaks.
- Improve road safety and reduce the likelihood of fatigue related crashes, particularly run-off road crashes
- Provide suitable facilities such as load check bays, split of car / bus parking with improved access.

Cost & Duration

The project cost was \$1.64 million (completed on budget). The project was completed on time.

Working with others

Regional Roads Victoria worked with transport operators through the Regional Transport Safety Services Officer, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria, Council and Tourism industries during the development of this project.

Benefits Achieved

Use of rest area

- Counts show an increase in rest area use from 33 to 70 vehicles per day (112% increase) Heavy vehicles increased from 13 to 35 vehicles per day (169% increase)
- Project has met the objective to provide a suitable standard facility along this route.

Improved road safety

- Data shows a 40% crash reduction (3.2 per year reduced to 1.9 per year) in fatigue related crashes for vehicles travelling away from the facility. Freight related crashes remained at zero crashes per year for vehicles travelling away from the site (no change).

More Information

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Figure 1 – Before



Figure 2 – After