

## Inner west curfews - Francis Street school curfew update

VicRoads has implemented school drop-off and pick-up curfews along Francis Street, Yarraville near the Wembely Primary School.

### Overview

VicRoads is extending the existing truck curfews in place across Melbourne's inner west, with trucks to be banned on Francis Street in Yarraville during school drop-off and pick-up times from Monday, 11 July 2016.

The curfew will be in place on weekdays from 8am to 9.30 am and 2.30pm to 4pm, during the school term.

The decision to extend the truck curfews was made after significant liaison and with the support of the transport industry, local residents and the school community.

### Why is the project necessary and what are the benefits for road users?

Truck curfews are effective because they strike a balance between industry and community. It is not about being wholly prohibitive and restrictive; it is about finding solutions that deliver a safe environment for people living in the area but also allowing the freight industry to operate effectively.

Truck curfews during school drop-off and pick-up times aim to improve the safety of children, who are our most vulnerable road users, as they make their way to and from school.

### Are there any exemptions to the curfew?

The driver of a truck must not drive past a 'no trucks' sign unless the destination of the truck is beyond the sign; and

- the purpose is to load or unload goods and there is no other route to that destination; or
- other routes to the destination also have no truck signs.

A truck is a vehicle over 4.5 tonnes gross weight constructed to carry loads. It does not include vehicles such as buses, caravans, cranes or concrete pumps.

### Enforcement

Truck curfews are monitored by VicRoads Transport Safety Services patrols to support compliance and enforce penalties for non compliance.

The on the spot fine for disobeying a 'no trucks' sign is \$148. If a driver chooses to contest this fine in court, they could be fined up to \$444.

VicRoads works closely with the freight industry and local businesses to educate and inform them of the curfews and alternative routes. Advisory signs are in place on local roads and the surrounding road network to inform drivers of the curfews and allow them to plan their trips.

For further details please Call VicRoads on 13 11 70 or visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au)

