



## CATTLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

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### CCA welcomes Government support on transport charges

The Cattle Council of Australia (CCA) has welcomed the Federal, State and Territory Transport Ministers decision to vote against all the National Transport Commission's recommendations to increase the national heavy vehicle charges.

CCA President, Bill Bray, said the CCA, National Farmers' Federation and Red Meat Advisory Council (RMAC), have lobbied the Federal Government on this issue in its quest to have the proposed increases quashed.

"An increase in the national heavy vehicle charges would have only had a detrimental effect on the red meat industry, but the economy as a whole," Mr Bray said.

"The 10.5% increase on fuel and 35% increase in state truck registration would have added a further burden to the transport industry, who are already affected by increased fuel prices.

"It is important to recognise that heavy vehicle transporters carry livestock right through the marketing chain therefore supporting the \$11 billion livestock industry.

"Commonsense has prevailed and all Australian Transport Ministers should be commended for their decision."

Mr Bray said the red meat industry and its supporting sectors are heavily reliant on road transport.

"Producers and consumers of our red meat products should not have to bear the bulk of additional costs incurred in the operation of heavy vehicles involved in our industry," Mr Bray said.

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