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MORE TRUCK REST AREAS ON THE WAY FOR QUEENSLAND

The trucking industry has welcomed the Australian Government's decision to fund seven new truck rest areas across the state.

The Australian Government is contributing \$6.4 million to the project which will supplement \$11 million already announced by the Queensland Government.

The funds will be made available from the Australian Government's *Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program*, which it established last year.

"We welcome this announcement by Minister Albanese to improve and create new truck rest areas for our hard working drivers," the Chairman of the Australian Trucking Association, Trevor Martyn said.

"The work will contribute to providing more and safer places for drivers to take their mandatory rest breaks or overnight sleep," Mr Martyn said.

"By having adequate facilities such as these, drivers can comply with the law and manage their fatigue at the same time."

The Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Trucking Association, Peter Garske, also welcomed the funding from the Australian Government.

"Queensland has a large road network and is in desperate need of more rest stops for truck drivers," Mr Garske said.

"This announcement is great news. Any funding for Queensland's roads is always welcome and this funding will supplement funds already announced by the State Government."

The *Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program* was established by the Australian Government last year after listening to the concerns raised by the trucking industry.

"The Government is only able to go ahead with these rest areas upgrades because of the increase in heavy vehicle charges that occurred last year," Mr Martyn said.

"These new and upgraded rest areas are the industry's dividend for the extra charges that we are paying."

The list of Queensland rest areas to be funded under the program is attached.

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**HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY & PRODUCTIVITY PROGRAM
QUEENSLAND PROJECTS**

Location	Project
Flinders Highway: 4km west of Hughenden	New rest area
Flinders Highway: 110km west of Townsville	New rest area
Landsborough Highway: 110km north of Longreach	New rest area
Landsborough Highway: at McKinlay	New rest area
Landsborough Highway: 47km north of the McKinlay to Gilliat Road	New rest area
New England Highway: between Warwick and Wallangarra.	New rest area
Gore Highway: between Toowoomba and Milmerran.	New rest area