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## TRUCKING INDUSTRY CONGRATULATES ROSS FRASER OAM

The Australian Trucking Association has today congratulated Ross Fraser on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List.

Ross Fraser was the Chairman of the ATA from 2004 to 2006. He is currently a member of the ATA's Board and its General Council. He was the President of the Australian Livestock Transporters Association from 1999 to 2001, and was made a life member of ALTA in 2007.

He is the Managing Director of Frasers Livestock Transport and has been involved in the business since 1961. The company has more than 100 staff, who drive more than 50 prime movers from five depots across Queensland.

The current Chairman of the ATA, Trevor Martyn, said the honour was a wonderful recognition of Ross Fraser's enormous achievements for the trucking industry.

"As the ATA's Chairman, Ross oversaw the industry's campaign to cap the effective life of trucks and trailers at 7½ rather than 15 years for depreciation purposes. The ATA's long and effective campaign saved trucking operators almost \$9,000 per articulated vehicle per year," Mr Martyn said.

"Ross worked tirelessly to build up the cohesion of the industry. He also strongly recognised the importance of the ATA's sponsors, including our foundation sponsors, BP, NTI, and Volvo, as well as Paccar, the manufacturer of Kenworth trucks.

"At ATA board meetings, he often reminds us that he only ever buys Kenworths – in fact, he bought the 30,000th Australian-made Kenworth truck as it came off Paccar's production line at Bayswater.

"It's very hard for a business executive to lead a major national industry association and run a company at the same time, but Ross was able to achieve the seemingly impossible feat of giving 100 per cent to both the ATA and Frasers Livestock Transport.

"On behalf of the ATA and the whole trucking industry, I want to offer Ross my warmest congratulations on this most significant honour," Mr Martyn said.

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