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## TRUCKING INDUSTRY LEADERS HIT THE ROAD

The Chairman and Chief Executive of the Australian Trucking Association have kicked off their drive between Darwin and Perth, aiming to get a better understanding of the specific issues faced by local trucking operators and the government.

Along the route, ATA Chairman, Trevor Martyn, and Chief Executive, Stuart St Clair, will meet with trucking operators, local government authorities, federal and state politicians and the media to discuss road safety and careers in the trucking industry.

Mr Martyn said the meetings will provide an important forum where interested people can voice their concerns and ask questions about the industry.

“We will be talking to local transport operators about what issues affect their business, what unique challenges are faced by the local trucking industry and how the ATA’s travelling exhibition, The Road Ahead, will help demonstrate the importance of the trucking industry to the wider community.

“We will also be talking to political and community representatives about the need for more rest areas, better road access and the frustrations faced by the industry.

“Overall the exhibition will give visitors the opportunity to take away a clear picture of how industry and communities can work together to improve road safety,” Mr Martyn said.

The details of the tour are below.

DATE	LOCATION
Sunday, 12 July	Depart Darwin
Monday, 13 July	Katherine
Wednesday, 15 July	Kununurra
Thursday, 16 July	Halls Creek
Friday, 17 July – Saturday, 18 July	Broome
Monday, 20 July	Port Hedland
Monday, 20 July	Karratha
Tuesday, 21 July	Carnarvon
Wednesday, 22 July	Geraldton
Friday, 24 July	Arrive Perth

**Please note:** Interviews and photo opportunities are available. However, due to the long distances involved, the exhibition may not be available to the media all day. Please call the number below to arrange a time and venue. Phone interviews can be conducted to suit.

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