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Civil Construction Industry Welcomes Freeze to Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge

Australia's peak voice for the civil construction industry today welcomed the Federal Government's decision to freeze the Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge at current levels.

"I commend the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack, and Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport Scott Buchholz on this measure, which represents a cash saving to the heavy vehicle industry throughout 2020-2021," said Chris Melham, Civil Contractors Federation National Chief Executive Officer.

"Civil construction is one of Australia's largest users of heavy vehicles and the sector continues to operate through COVID-19 constructing Australia's roads, bridges, rail, pipelines and civil infrastructure.

"The savings realised by this decision to freeze the road user charge at 25.8 cents per litre will help offset other costs and impacts imposed on civil construction companies by COVID-19.

"Australia's civil construction industry is crucial to sustaining and rebuilding the economy post COVID-19 and any financial stimulus announcements by the Federal Government such as the freeze on the heavy vehicle road user charge will make a positive difference in easing some of the current pressures," he said.

Mr Melham said today's announcement will support the civil construction industry's already strong capacity to undertake civil construction projects during COVID 19.

A [CCF National COVID-19 Member Survey](#) recently conducted by Civil Contractors Federation confirms that the civil construction sector has the capacity to take on more civil construction projects and employ more workers.

"The freezing of the Heavy Vehicle Road User charge at current levels will help to ensure civil construction projects, such as roads, rail, bridges, dams, drainage and ports, are delivered efficiently, and in so doing, continue to support Australian jobs," he concluded.

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About the Civil Contractors Federation

The Civil Contractors Federation (CCF) is the peak employer body representing over 2,000 companies engaged in civil construction in every jurisdiction of Australia. CCF Members are responsible for the construction and maintenance of Australia's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, pipelines, drainage, ports and utilities. CCF members also play a vital role in the residential and commercial building construction industry by providing earthmoving and land development services including the provision of power, water, communications and gas.

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