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Approved variation for heavy vehicles within Inner West, Melbourne

Dear Permit holder,

This letter is to inform you under section 177 of the *Heavy Vehicle National Law*, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) in consultation with the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning Victoria (DTP) is amending access for heavy vehicles on the opening of the West Gate Tunnel.

The West Gate Tunnel and Freeway ramps will make it easier for trucks to access the Port of Melbourne when it opens in December.

Once the tunnel opens, truck drivers will not be allowed to use areas of specific roads in inner west suburbs of Melbourne, known as no-truck zones:

- **Moore St Footscray:** between Ballarat Rd and Hopkins St (full length).
- **Buckley St Footscray:** between Geelong Rd and McNab Ave – continuing to Napier St
Footscray: between McNab Ave and Whitehall St.
- **Somerville Rd Yarraville:** between Geelong Rd and Whitehall St.
- **Francis St Yarraville:** between Roberts St and Hyde St.
- **Hudsons Rd Spotswood:** between Melbourne Rd and Raleigh St.
- **Blackshaws Rd Altona North & South Kingsville:** between Crofts Reserve entry and Melbourne Rd

In addition to the above no-truck zone, drivers will not be allowed to travel on the following specified road during **8pm to 6am weekdays and anytime throughout weekends.**

- **Williamstown Rd Seddon & Yarraville:** north of the West Gate Freeway to Geelong St.

All existing permits to access these roads will be varied on the opening of the West Gate Tunnel. Current heavy vehicle access permit holders with route-specific access that includes the no-truck zones will no longer be allowed to travel within these zones, unless your journey meets an exempted reason for travel. These include:

- a delivery to or from a place within a no-truck zone
- performing construction or maintenance work within a no-truck zone
- vehicle repairs or sales within a no-truck zone driving to or from a garaged address in a no-truck zone.

On the opening of the West Gate Tunnel, this variation letter provides access to:

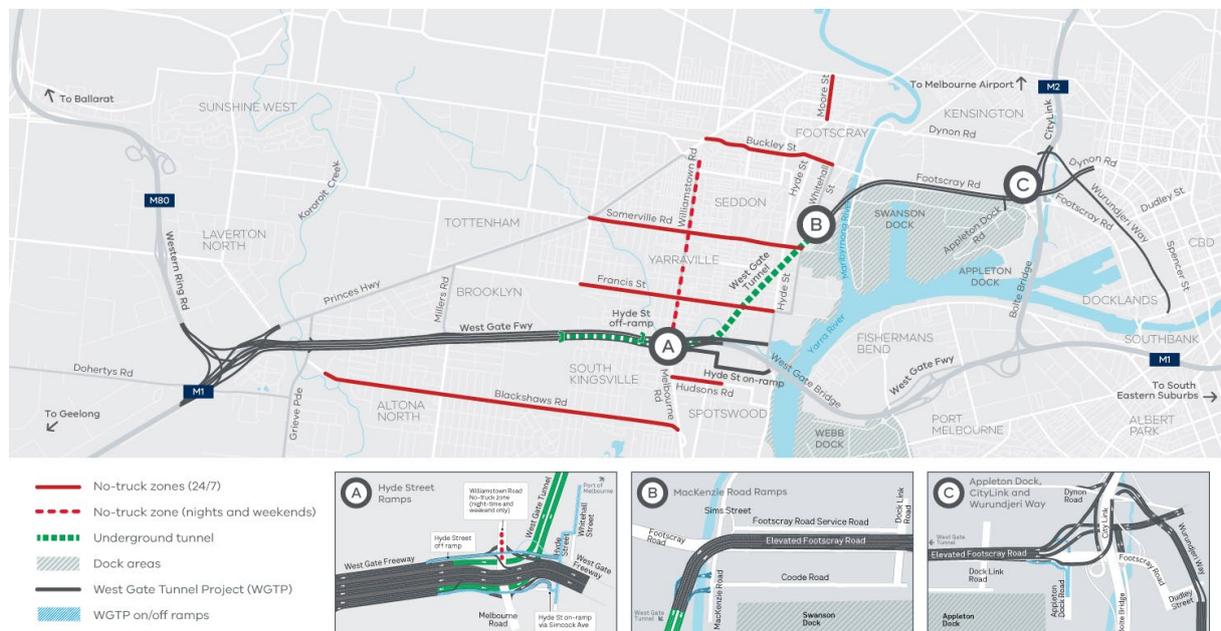
- the West Gate Tunnel for all heavy vehicles **except for** vehicles carrying dangerous goods and over-height vehicles (4.6m high).
- the new Hyde Street ramps for all heavy vehicles carrying dangerous goods and over-height vehicles (4.6m high).
- no-truck zones for heavy vehicles that meet an **exempted reason** for travel

If your journey does not include any of the above exemptions or variations to utilise the West Gate Tunnel and/or Hyde Street ramps, you will need to apply for a permit with an alternative route to avoid the no-truck zones.

Variation letter conditions

- All existing permit conditions must be adhered to whilst utilising this approved alternative route.
- Operators are responsible for ensuring the relevant third-party approvals are obtained for the alternate route prior to travel (if applicable).

No-Truck Zones – Inner West Suburbs of Melbourne



This variation letter has been issued in advance and does not take effect until the official opening of the West Gate Tunnel in December 2025.

This letter will be valid for the duration of your current permit.

A paper or electronic copy of this letter must be carried along with the permit and produced to an authorised officer upon request.

For more information, visit www.transport.vic.gov.au/no-truck-zones

Yours sincerely,



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