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Labor axe program to help local truckies

The Albanese Labor Government is set to scrap the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) which will have devastating consequences for our region a local MP has said.

Labor's decision to axe the HVSPP follows on from significant funding cuts made to the program in Labor's first Budget, leaving Australian truck drivers and road users' safety at risk.

Federal member for Braddon, Gavin Pearce MP, said The Albanese Labor Government have shown once again that rural communities like ours are out of sight, out of mind and are ignorant to the importance of country roads to regional industries.

“The scrapping of this important program follows very quickly on from the withdrawal of promised funding for Massy-Greene Drive by Labor and is yet another blow for the engine room of our state – a region that relies on trucks to keep the cogs turning,” Mr Pearce said.

“The Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program was created as a specific grant program to support the productivity and safety of truck drivers by funding rest areas, overtaking lanes, and technology trials.”

“These cuts and cancelation of important road safety and efficiency programs is yet another sign that the Albanese government has no interest in road transport priorities, the needs of our vital trucking industry and the thousands of workers it employs.”

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