



Media Release

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Toll welcomes bipartisan support for road safety

Toll Group welcomes bipartisan support from both major political parties for Australia's iconic road safety initiative, Driver Reviver.

Toll Group is proud to be the national partner of the Driver Reviver program. At Toll, we strongly believe that all injuries are preventable, and everyone has the right to get home safely – and the Driver Reviver program is strongly aligned to these values.

Earlier in the campaign a re-elected Liberal and Nationals Government committed to invest:

- \$8 million in capped grants to help upgrade the 175 existing Driver Reviver locations nationwide to improve existing sites and support the establishment of new sites; and
- \$1.2 million over four years to support the Driver Reviver programme to improve awareness of sites and for the engagement of volunteers.

Toll Group is thrilled to announce that an elected Australian Labor Party will match this important road safety commitment. Senator Glenn Sterle, Shadow Assistant Minister for Road Safety acknowledged this commitment in a letter to Toll.

“Road Safety is something that affects all Australians and while every one of us needs to take responsibility for our actions when behind the wheel, governments also have an obligation to show leadership.”

“If elected, a Shorten Labor Government will honour in full, the Government's recently announced commitment to support the ongoing work of the Driver Reviver Program” said Mr Sterle.

Allan McCormac, National Director of Driver Reviver acknowledged the support for the program.

“Strong financial support for the Driver Reviver program is a clear recognition of the lifesaving work carried out by volunteers over the past thirty years. It also acknowledges the real difference community groups and governments at all levels can make when they work together for a worthwhile cause.” Mr McCormac said.

Michael Byrne, Managing Director of Toll Group acknowledged the important bipartisan commitment to Driver Reviver.

“At Toll, our professional drivers spend more time on Australian roads than anyone else and we are acutely aware of the role fatigue plays in road safety.”

“Federal Government funding for the Driver Reviver program will upgrade rest stops across the country - encouraging more drivers to stop for a break.” Mr Byrne said.

“At the end of the day this is a great road safety outcome for the entire community.”

Driver Reviver is a community program that has been operating in Australia for almost 30 years. Powered by volunteers, members give up their own time to promote road safety and help to reduce the road toll. In the program's long history, volunteers have served more than 23 million cups of tea and coffee, boiled more than five million litres of water, and provided drivers and their families with more than 27 million snacks.

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Note to editors

About Toll

With over 125 years' experience, Toll Group, proudly part of Japan Post, operates an extensive global logistics network across 1,200 locations in more than 50 countries. Our 40,000 employees provide a diverse range of transport and logistics solutions covering road, air, sea and rail to help our customer's best meet their global supply chain needs.

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About Driver Reviver

Supported by volunteers from a range of regional community groups, Driver Reviver has been operating on the roads since 1990, by encouraging motorists to take regular breaks on their journey by visiting Driver Reviver sites. Government agencies in each State and Territory support the Driver Reviver program.

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