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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **ARTIO welcomes Closing the Loopholes legislation passage**

The [Australian Road Transport Industrial Organisation](#) (ARTIO) has welcomed passage of the Closing the Loopholes legislation through the senate in Federal Parliament yesterday. The Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing the Loopholes) Bill 2023 under Part 16 directly refers to the establishment of a Road Transport Advisory Group (RTAG) within the Fair Work Commission that will be the initial body of reference in raising specific issues that currently degrades the equality and fairness within the workplace and contractual chains.

### **ARTIO National Secretary Peter Anderson said:**

*“This legislation, which ARTIO has actively advocated for over the past 18 months, will deliver the road transport industry a more effective framework to address the many industrial relations gaps within the industry. It will bring positive change to our industry, and it is a triumph of our unity that this reform has now passed.*

*“Unlikely allies came together over the shared goal to make transport fair, sustainable and viable. Most significantly, this legislation will give us the necessary protections to stave off exploitative gig competition that threatened to take down traditional transport operators. If the industry remains united, the future is bright for the transport industry.*

*“With ARTIO being a major contributor to the formation and consolidation of this amendment, it is important to note that there will be a new process to address the poor practices that have plagued the Australian road transport industry for many decades.*

*“When this legislation completes its passage through the Parliamentary processes and receives assent, the beneficiaries of the ongoing improvements will be those business operators, drivers and logistics workers that will come into the road freight industry in the decades to come.*

*“Now the hard work will begin once the operational framework is finalised and implemented. ARTIO will remain at the forefront of industrial relations in Australia for the road freight industry.”*

State-based [ARTIO branches](#) are available for any specific information or query a member may have.

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