

# Information Bulletin

## Conditional B-double Access to Thomas Foods International at Lobethal



The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide information regarding the provision of conditional B-double access to the Thomas Foods International (TFI) abattoir at Lobethal.

### Why provide access for B-doubles?

On 3 January 2018, a fire occurred at the TFI Murray Bridge abattoir, resulting in considerable damage to the facility and putting the jobs of a large number of South Australians at risk.

TFI is one of Australia's largest food producers and one of South Australia's largest employers. Providing conditional B-double access to the Lobethal abattoir will enable production to be increased at the facility, resulting in operations being maintained and continued employment for staff at both facilities.

Without the use of high productivity freight vehicles such as B-doubles there would be an increase vehicle movements in and out of the Lobethal facility which would result in increased congestion, noise and disruption to the communities adjacent to the freight route.

### What is the approved route to Lobethal?

Access to the TFI facility located on Frick Street at Lobethal will be via the following roads:

- From Milendella Road / Randell Road (end of existing B-Double route), Randell Road (Palmer,

Tungkillo), Terlinga Road, Onkaparinga Valley Road (Mount Torrens), Mount Torrens Road, Frick Street (Lobethal) and Return

### How will access and safety be managed?

B-double access to the Lobethal facility will be available to heavy vehicle operators via a permit issued by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. Operators must comply with a range of safety conditions recommended by an independent road safety assessor. This is separate to the Lobethal Freight Access Upgrade project which will be delivered in the next two years.

The conditions are as follows:

- operate at General Mass Limits only
- not exceed 60km/h in between the township of Tungkillo and the township of Palmer to assist with maintaining vehicle tracking due to the gradient and alignment of the road.
- not exceed 80km/h on the section of the route from the intersection of Randell Road and Terlinga Road, Tungkillo to the TFI facility at Frick Street unless a lower speed limit is signposted.
- not exceed 60km/h on bridges signposted with a "narrow bridge" warning sign between Tungkillo and Lobethal.
- use slow vehicle turnout lanes where possible along the route to allow other traffic to pass.





### Safety conditions (cont)

- not commence a left turn movement from the intersection of Mount Torrens Road and Frick Street, Lobethal if a vehicle is waiting to exit Frick Street.
- not cross the centreline on Mount Torrens Road when undertaking a left turn movement into Frick Street, Lobethal.
- must utilise two way radio communication to announce approach to Frick Street from Mount Torrens Road or exit from Frick Street to Mount Torrens Road.

### Additional safety measures being implemented.

Based on the advice of the independent road safety auditor DPTI will also be installing the following signage along the route to Lobethal:

- slow vehicle turnout signs on Palmer Hill between Tungkillo and Palmer
- truck entering signs on Townsend Street and Springhead Road at Mount Torrens

In addition to the above, DPTI in consultation with Adelaide Hills Council are investigating lowering the speed limit on Frick Street for all vehicles from 50km/h to 40km/h, to maintain safety for all road users and the community living adjacent to the freight route. This change is expected to be implemented in early February 2018.

### Other information

Heavy vehicle operators may apply for a permit through the NHVR at [www.nhvr.gov.au](http://www.nhvr.gov.au).

For more information regarding the Lobethal Freight Access Upgrade project or the conditional permit access, please call 1300 282 933, email [dpti.lobethalfreightaccessupgrade@sa.gov.au](mailto:dpti.lobethalfreightaccessupgrade@sa.gov.au) or visit [https://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/infrastructure/road\\_projects/lobethal\\_freight\\_access\\_upgrade](https://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/infrastructure/road_projects/lobethal_freight_access_upgrade)

