

Communication from VIDA

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Road Transport Contractual Chain Order – Fuel Cost Recovery 2026 – Update

VIDA refers to Communication No. 1 / 2026 regarding the *Road Transport Contractual Chain Order – Fuel Cost Recovery – 2026 (Order)*. The Order was made as an emergency measure in response to fuel supply chain disruptions arising from the conflict in the Middle East. It commenced on 21 April 2026 and ceased to apply on 7 June 2026.

The Order established fuel cost recovery requirements for the road transport industry. It required parties throughout road transport contractual chains to make payments to road transport services providers to account for increases in fuel prices.

VIDA has received industry feedback indicating that the Order may not have been complied with on some government projects.

VIDA therefore reminds you that the Order applied from 21 April 2026 to 7 June 2026 and required fuel cost recovery adjustments within relevant road transport contractual chains during that period. VIDA re-iterates its expectation that the Order is complied with, and requests that you review your contracting arrangements for the relevant period, determine whether the rate adjustment obligations applied, and immediately rectify any identified non-compliance.

In relation to tip trucks specifically, updated guidance in relation to the interaction between the Order and the Victorian Government's Tip Truck Owner Driver Policy, including provisions relating to back pay, has been published [here](#).

The Fair Work Commission is considering the future application of the Order, with a hearing scheduled for 28 September 2026.

Further information about the Order and its ongoing review is available at: www.fwc.gov.au.

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