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TRUCKING INDUSTRY GOES TO THE POLLS

Trucking operators across Australia will go to the polls next week in the industry's 2011 election.

In the election, owner drivers and the operators of fleets with two to five trucks will select a new owner driver representative on the General Council of the Australian Trucking Association (ATA), the peak body that represents the industry.

The five candidates for the position are:

- **Frank Black** (Coopers Plains, Queensland)
- **Allan Clark** (West Wyalong, NSW)
- **Geoffery Einam** (Nobby, Queensland)
- **Mark Robinson** (Narrabri, NSW)
- **Peter Swift** (Casuarina, WA).

More than 130 owner drivers and small fleet operators are registered to vote in the election. The ACT Electoral Commission will conduct the election by postal ballot, with ballot papers due back on or before 7 March.

Meanwhile, industry stalwart **Doug McMillan** of Wodonga, Victoria, has been re-elected unopposed as the small fleet (2-5 truck) representative on the ATA General Council.

Mr McMillan has represented small fleet operators on the ATA Council for 17 years. He is a member of the ATA board and a director of the trucking industry's safety and business management program, TruckSafe.

"I have always represented this sector of the industry with my whole heart and will continue to do so," Mr McMillan said.

"To hold this position a person must be prepared to speak up for the small sector of the industry, sometimes under duress, and I have no hesitation in doing that.

"You must also possess the ability to see the big picture and understand issues that affect all of the industry, and I believe I have maintained a good grasp of those issues," he said.

Election statements by the five candidates for the owner-driver position are available at www.atatruck.net.au. A high-res image of Doug McMillan is available by emailing David Bauche (bauched@atatruck.net.au) or Bill McKinley (mckinleyb@atatruck.net.au).

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