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2013 TRUCKING INDUSTRY ELECTIONS UNDERWAY

The trucking industry's 2013 elections are underway, with nominations and voter registrations now open.

In the election, owner drivers and the operators of small trucking fleets will elect two representatives to the General Council of the Australian Trucking Association, the peak body representing the industry.

The Chairman of the ATA, David Simon, said the 2013 election was a critical opportunity for owner drivers and small fleet operators to have their say about the industry's future.

"The ATA Council sets our strategic policy direction. It deals with the critical issues that will determine the industry's long term future, including safety, professionalism and operator viability," Mr Simon said.

"I urge all owner drivers and small fleet operators to register to vote. For the first time in an ATA election, you can register to vote online through the ATA website. As a result, it is quicker and easier than ever before to help elect your representatives.

"I also urge owner drivers and small fleet operators who want to help build the industry's future to nominate for one of the two positions," he said.

To register to vote, an operator must own, be purchasing or leasing 1-5 trucks over 4.5 tonnes and be on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll.

To become a candidate for the single truck owner driver position, an operator must own, be purchasing or leasing one truck over 4.5 tonnes and drive it. For the small fleet position, an operator must own, be purchasing or leasing 2-5 trucks over 4.5 tonnes. Candidates must be members of an ATA member organisation.

Nominations and voter registrations close on 11 February 2013. If there are more candidates than vacancies, there will be an election by postal ballot.

The voter registration and nomination forms are available, and operators can register to vote online, at www.truck.net.au.

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