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## Freedom Convoy

Many of you will have seen the 'Freedom Convoy' trucker protest in Canada and may have heard of attempts at recreating a similar convoy in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Transporting New Zealand certainly recognises the frustration that Covid related restrictions have created in the trucking industry in both your personal and professional lives. However, we encourage you to use this time to collectively continue to build on the great image we have created as an industry that gets the work done in times of trouble. When New Zealand goes into crisis mode, it's the truck drivers who step up and keep the supply chain going.

We have concerns that a well-meaning protest can easily be hijacked by some with more extreme views, which can lead to the entire industry being misrepresented. We have been working hard to raise awareness of the critical importance of our industry in the public eye, and it would be a shame take a backwards step. There are more strategic ways of sending a message.

Transporting New Zealand continues to be a united and powerful voice for you. Please feel free to get in touch with your Regional and Sector Advisor to share any particular issues or messages that are important to you.

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