

# SAFE RATES

## What's it all about?

### BUZZ

You've probably heard about 'Safe Rates' around the yard, in communications from us, or in the media. So what is it all about?

At it's simplest, a Safe Rates system would mean drivers have pay and conditions that would greatly reduce dangerous practices in the industry. This is why the Safe Rates campaign is so important.

For our campaign to succeed, we must convince the community, the industry, and government to back us up.

### BACK GROUND

In 2008, the National Transport Commission released a report commissioned by the federal government about the link between pay and safety in the trucking industry. The report found that the overwhelming cause of this carnage is the enormous economic power of the industry's clients. Clients determine the schedules, payment systems and deadlines that place massive pressure on safety standards in the road transport industry.

The report made clear that to save lives on Australian roads there is an urgent need to:

- ▶ Establish a system of safe rates and conditions for transport workers – to combat the economic pressure from clients that undermines safety standards
- ▶ Require each trip to be properly planned so schedules and deadlines are reasonable and don't require any risk-taking on our roads; and
- ▶ Ensure that all transport workers access industry-accredited, portable OH&S training.

Since then, the government has formed a Safe Rates Advisory Group to advise it on how to implement a Safe Rates system. The TWU sits on this group.

### BENEFITS

We are fighting hard in the community, media, and in our discussions with government to produce the best result.

A Safe Rates system would mean:

- ▶ FOR ALL DRIVERS: Fair pay, fair hours, fair conditions
- ▶ FOR OWNER-DRIVERS: Full recovery of running costs

### BACKING UP

We're beginning the mass mobilisation of members to show the country that Safe Rates can't wait.

**VISIT** the website at [www.nswtwu.org/convoy](http://www.nswtwu.org/convoy). Download the Convoy flier.

**SHOW** your co-workers and your managers. Put the flier up in your yard.

**TALK** to your delegate.

**CALL** us on (02) 9912 0700 to discuss how you can become involved.

**JOIN** our truck convoy to Canberra on 20 June - **visit [www.nswtwu.org/convoy](http://www.nswtwu.org/convoy) to register.**

## TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN

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