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Springwood truck driver Peter Meehan, 59, has been in the industry for more than 30 years and said drivers need be assured they'll be paid correctly.

"The rates need to be compatible with inflation," he said.

(L-R) David Bradbury, Peter Meehan and Bruce Penton are working for change.





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