



MP receives truckies report on safety, pay

Dubbo truck drivers yesterday handed a report on safety and rates of pay in the transport industry to Dubbo MP Dawn Fardell and asked it to be considered as part of a national campaign from the Transport Workers Union (TWU).

Transport Workers Union's official, Helen Bellette, today said a large

number of truck drivers and transport workers are living and working in regional NSW and given the reliance on road transport in rural areas, it was appropriate that MPs are informed of the campaign.

"The TWU has been working for some time with governments at all levels in order to ensure

there is a federal determination with minimum rates of pay for truck drivers," Ms Bellette said.

"With 281 people being killed in our industry each year, it is important that drivers have full cost recovery, including pay for waiting times and fuel, so they are not forced into doing "one more load" to make ends meet.

"Over the coming weeks, the Transport Workers Union will be travelling across the country hitting major regional and metropolitan areas to show clients, transport operators and politicians that there is public support for proper and lasting change in our industry," Ms Bellette said.



Campaign driver Frank Black hands over the report to Dubbo MP Dawn Fardell.