



# Trucking union calls for change

TRUCKIES have called on Clarence Valley Mayor Richie Williamson to help them in their campaign to improve pay and safety conditions.

Transport Workers Union (TWU) official Helen Bellette said a large number of truck drivers and transport workers were living and working in the Grafton area and it was appropriate politicians took up the case on behalf of their constituents.

"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



■ TRUCK driver Frank Black presents the Safe Rates report to Mayor Richie Williamson.

waiting times and fuel costs, so they are not forced into doing 'one more load' to make ends meet."

Over coming weeks, the union will travel across the country to major regional and metropolitan areas to show clients, transport operators and politicians that there is public support for proper and lasting change in the transport industry.