



Union takes to the road

THE Transport Works Union is planning a national roadtrip to sell its campaign for change in the transport industry.

On Friday, western Sydney truck drivers delivered a report on safety and pay in the industry to Lindsay Federal Labor MP David Bradbury at St Marys.

They want the report delivered to Canberra as part of their national campaign after its recent Safe Rates Summit in Sydney.

"I have been making representations directly to Julia Gillard on this issue for some time," Mr Bradbury said.

"It's an occupational health and safety issue not only for truck drivers but it also relates to public safety."

The union's assistant state secretary Bruce Penton said: "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," he said.

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

He said the union hoped to convince clients, transport operators and politicians that there is public support for change in industry.

Truck driver, Peter Meehan, a contractor for Linfox, said it was important drivers were paid enough to cover costs like fuel, maintenance, insurance and running gear on the trailer



Federal MP David Bradbury, Linfox contractor Peter Meehan and TWU's Bruce Penton.