



Campaign for change

THE Transport Workers Union (TWU) state secretary delivered a report on safety and rates of pay to State MP for Lakemba Robert Furolo on Monday, asking him to consider it as part of a national campaign for change.

The TWU recently held a Safe Rates summit where a number of transport operators said improvements to work and pay conditions were needed.

State secretary Wayne Forno said a large number of truck drivers and transport workers live and work in the Canterbury area, and it was appropriate for Mr Furolo to take up their case.

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

Mr Furolo said he supports the campaign, and says he used to drive his own truck for a living.

"My first job was as an owner driver, so I understand the difficulties faced," he said.

"The purpose of the meeting was to bring attention to the campaign and raise awareness. Federal Government involvement is required, as the issue isn't only about state drivers."