



# TRUCKIES TAKE CAMPAIGN TO COUNCILS

**Narrandera truck drivers yesterday handed a report on safety and rates of pay in the transport industry to the Narrandera Shire Council Technical Services Director Kevin Smith and asked it to be considered as part of a national campaign from the Transport Workers Union.**

The Transport Workers Union recently held a Safe Rates Summit in Sydney and want to give politicians a chance to study the outcomes of that event, where a number of transport operators said there was a need for change in the industry.

Transport Workers Union's Southern NSW Secretary Klaus Pinkas said a large number of truck drivers and transport workers were living and working in the Riverina and, given the reliance on road transport in the region, it was appropriate the

Council was 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," Mr Pinkas 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.

"Over the coming weeks, the TWU will be travelling across the country hitting major regional and metropolitan areas," Mr Pinkas said.



Transport Workers Union Southern NSW Secretary Klaus Pinkas, Narrandera Shire Council Technical Services Director Kevin Smith and truck driver Frank Black meeting in Narrandera on Monday morning.