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**SAVING LIVES IN THE ROAD TRANSPORT INDUSTRY -
REPORTS & INQUIRIES; Materials for Carbon Tax Senate Inquiry**

1. *Safe Rates, Safe Roads* – Directions paper of Federal Government’s Safe Rates Advisory Group (Nov 2010)

Govt’s advisory group calls for independent tribunal to establish & maintain rates & conditions for employees and owner drivers and to make clients accountable for those rates and conditions

2. *External Influences on health and safety outcomes in NSW long distance trucking: (2010)* – Prof Ann Williamson (UNSW) & Rena Friswell (NSW Injury Risk Management Centre, UNSW)

Findings support the mandating of payment of drivers for non-driving work, saying it would reduce the incentive to stay on the road and reduce weekly hours required to make a living.

3. *Truck Crashes and Work-Related Factors Associated with Drivers and Motor Carriers* - Professor Michael Belzer Ph.D (2009)

Report confirms the direct link between pay and work pressures on the one hand and safety outcomes (crashes) on the other.

4. *TWU/NRMA Survey Release (2011): Fatigue, Overtaking Top Issues for Drivers*

5. *National Transport Commission Report: Safe Payments (2008)*

National Safe Rates Tribunal to be established for Safe Rates and related conditions for Employees and Owner-drivers and dealing with clients.

6. *Wright & Quinlan Report: Remuneration and Safety in Road Transport*

Confirms link between rates of pay and safety and finds imbalance of bargaining power – recommends National Safe Rates and Conditions Tribunal to deal with these issues.

7. *Senate Inquiry: Workforce Challenges in the Transport Industry*

Rates of Pay and related conditions must be addressed for attraction and retention of drivers and for safer outcomes.

8. *Senate Inquiry: 457 Visas*

TWU submissions regarding why road transport is not appropriate for short term visa workers

9. *TWU Submission to the NTC Safe Rates Inquiry*

Full description of road transport industry problems and solutions (including driver testimony) – focussing on rates and safety link and imbalance of bargaining power.

10. *Study: Workforce Challenges in Road Transport*

Study shows misconceptions of the industry but also highlights the need for initiatives to make the industry safer, such as safe rates