



ROAD SAFETY REMUNERATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS) BILL 2011

Letter to the House Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications

ATANSW is the peak Industry body representing and supporting transport operators in NSW.

ATA NSW has and always will have a core value and focus on safety and therefore strongly supports measures to improve road transport safety.

The Associations' membership consists of the largest transport operators in the country, through to family businesses, owner drivers and a considerable number of associated industries and companies that are not directly involved in transport but have a strong association with the industry.

ATA NSW emphasises the following points as the greatest way to deliver enhanced safety and fairness across the road transport industry:

Mandatory Safe Driving Plans, for all road freight tasks over 500 kilometres;

The use of GPS enabled onboard tracking devices for linehaul vehicles;

The adoption of suitable and approved Industry Codes of Practice; e.g. The use of the National Logistics Safety Code –as a template for achieving compliance across the supply chain, noting the National Code recognises accredited compliance schemes, such as TruckSafe- the industry owned and operated safety management scheme, National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) Mass, NHVAS Fatigue;

Full compliance with Work Health & Safety (WHS) regulations;

Full compliance with fatigue and speed laws and including the Chian of Responsibility regulations.;

Full and comprehensive Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) to fully establish any link between remuneration and safety and the full impact on the supply chain including the broader community;

Over recent months the ATANSW Industrial Relations subcommittee have worked closely with our IR partner, the Australian Industry Group (AIG), in representing the interest of our members, and have been active participants on their safe rates working group. This group had a major input to the content in the AIG submission. ATANSW supports the submission of the Australian Industry Group, to the House Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications with reference to the Road Safety and Remuneration Bill 2011.

ATANSW would be happy to appear before the committee to give evidence.

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