



The Allied Express Group of Companies

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Secretary
Senate Employment, Workplace Relations
and Education Committee
Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find below submissions that my company, Allied Express Transport, would like to make to the Senate Inquiry into the provision of the Independent Contractors Bill 2006 and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006.

Allied Express Transport are Australia's largest independently owned express transport company. Our company motto is "Proudly Australian, Fiercely Independent". We employ 430 staff members, and contract over 1000 owner drivers nationally, including 400 owner drivers in New South Wales and 200 owner drivers in Victoria. Our turnover last financial year was in excess of \$100 million.

Allied Express Transport supports retaining the Courier and Taxi Truck Contract Determination in New South Wales, as a way to ensure that owner drivers receive a minimum payment for the services that they provide. In addition, our business this with a incentive based structure of payment, to ensure that individual owner drivers can achieve a higher level of earnings.

Our owner drivers have the freedom of choice - they can be represented individually by a trade union or they can represent themselves and deal directly with Allied.

Should you require any further comment or input, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 8837 8345.

Yours sincerely

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