Importance of a viable, safe, sustainable and efficient road transport industry Submission 3

Hi mate

Thanks for sticking up for us.

Luckily for me I work a big national car carrying company and no big issues for me except for it being very quite at the moment.

Another two companies have undercut our rates and taken one massive client away and a smaller client. I am not sure how to fix that.

From working in the industry and previously transporting consumable I understand that a lot of truck drivers are pressured by the work diary and by the time slots. That I am also not sure on how to fix.

We do need better rest areas, further off the highways to give us a quieter sleep.

We need bigger service centres to accomodate more trucks.

We need better traffic lights that are aware of a heavy vehicle approaching and keep it green. Momentum in a truck is everything, braking hard for a red could be life threatening.

We need better accuracy of car speedometers. Quite often in a 100km/h zone we are faster then them, this creates massive headaches and potential disaster for all concerned.

We as an industry need to have practises and personal in place to unload and load trucks in timely fashion. In the past transporting consumables I have been waiting 4-13 hours.

The work diary needs to be scrapped and maybe introduce the electronic one but with the option of minute by minute rest breaks. Currently we go over the 1/4, 1/2, 3/4 or hour by seconds or minute we have to put in our work diary the next 15 min block. So we can lose a lot of time during the day for this.

This in particular for me really needs to change.

Thanks for reading.

Regards Dale Compton