

To the National Transport Commission (NTC) Consultative Committee.

Ladies and Gentlemen with all due respect the increase of 2.5% is not in the best interest of any owner driver that I know of. WHY??

Whilst appreciative of the opportunity to have my say, the cost increases to our operation over the last 25 years have impacted heavily on any chance of any profit.

Stamp Duty on price of new vehicle some \$13,000 Tax on a Tax + GST + registration and is total \$26545 . Toll Charges for road usage, Tax on a Tax + GST. Registration, Stamp Duty +GST Tax on a Tax,

I requested if I could pay my registration by cash. We don't take cash of that amount please use a credit card . Extra 1.5% credit card fee by The Main Roads (Gov't Dept). Documentation NHVR Work Diary 3 per year @ \$26 per issue. Then scrutinized for every 15min interval we work then if found a spelling error \$600+ GST per infringement. (I have never been fined for a work dairy offence) Acquisition of heavy haulage permit to WA from Qld 6 page document cost \$315 (Govt) Permit excess mass and dimension Cost \$\$\$\$ NHVR .

The list goes on. Requested by an official to quote on a Government job, I tendered my document only to find out that it was to be awarded to the cheapest quote. The job had to be done twice more to achieve the same outcome costing two and a half times the original quote by my company. The road network is absolutely appalling.

Under section 9 Workplace Health and Safety Act (act of parliament) As a Supplier To provide an unsafe workplace is a criminal offence.

Whilst I applaud the thought to increase to Safety of all road users I ask if using the \$\$ would be better spent as education to the general public to the inherent dangers of their actions around heavy vehicles and road improvement in the outback.

Q Is you workplace equipped with toilet facilities ? Do you cook your breakfast, lunch or dinner at your work place?

Please remember that any increase in cost in turn increases cost everywhere else. From a 500ml milk to be transported to Mundrabilla in WA Sold at \$1.50 more than most 3ltr milk at the local suburban shopping centre.

Cost of road works will also go up at least 2.5% every piece of equipment that is moved and that then will have a \$ flow on effect.

Thank you for the time and effort for trying to put the broken eggshells back together that you have collectively gathered from a myriad of others and at least ask and formed the NTC.

One last question How many of you people currently own and are, licensed and operate/drive your own individual heavy vehicle and do that to support you family and community as you only source of income?

I ask that to see whom if any are truly qualified to make decisions that impact the lives of every individual in the transport industry.

You might have a degree in what- ever and may be very intelligent human beings, but over past 40 years I have learnt this" people ask that's great!! But when they ask, and only act to increase their own personal gain then that leads a great confusion and disparity.

My book pretty simple Q. why have cost increased A. Fees and Charges by Govt bodies keep increasing.

Appreciate the ability to submit this email. Impact of consideration far outweighs doing nothing.

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