

LYNLEY MINERS – Candidate for small fleet operator representative

As the current President of the Livestock, Bulk and Rural Carriers Association and a livestock carrier and employer of over 30 years, I have a deep association with the trucking industry.

A hands-on livestock carrier, I have transported goods across rural and metropolitan Australia and understand first-hand the everyday issues that impact the transport industry. I am passionate about improving road freight conditions for the entire supply chain regardless of what you carry or where you carry.

I appreciate that road freight plays a pivotal role in the success of the Australian economy. When road freight is not operating at maximum efficiency, productivity is reduced and economic competitiveness is substantially weakened. I aim to work with industry stakeholders to ensure productivity benefits are realised through safer roads, fairer loads and most importantly less red tape.

Being reasonable and practical minded, I want to keep up the fight to remove the financial burden placed on the trucking industry through a fairer charging regime. This means fighting for a fair go and real action on the current overcharging of the heavy vehicle industry to the tune of \$515 million by the end of 2017-18.

This also means working hard to see heavy vehicle registration fees reduced and more funding directed towards road infrastructure upgrades to ensure drivers have a safe work environment to operate within.

On-road compliance and enforcement is another area where I consider the enforcement regime sometimes works against operators and drivers trying to do the right thing. I am committed to working with industry and regulators to find a better solution to deal with non-safety related infringements in a way that doesn't see a driver lose a day or week's pay for unintentional clerical errors or similar non-safety related mistakes.

Holding several voluntary positions including member of the Animal Welfare Sub-Committee, President of the Adaminaby Jockey Club and Director of the Adaminaby Bowling Club, I have a proven track record working productively with a range of industry associations, businesses and government bodies.

These voluntary positions, coupled with 30 years' experience driving a truck, growing up on a grazing property in the Snowy Mountains and working alongside my siblings in the family livestock transport business I am confident that I can represent all small fleet operators in Australia and put my best foot forward to help push for a safer and more productive transport industry.

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