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hi,

I am interested in joining and know several colleagues who are already members but I am curious before I do join as to the the stand on having no position of setting a viable rate for the industry you claim to support.

From the benefits page listed on your website, I'm sorry to say, the only one there that I can't do by not being a member is to be involved with government decisions before they are made.

Now I talk to a lot of guys on the road as I'm sure you do to and from my point of view there is only 2 issues we as a group are concerned about.

1. legislative protection for the ability to be able to cross the centre lane to protect the load from on-coming traffic and the red light camera issue.

2. the setting of a fair rate,

why do we as an industry and you as our national body find it acceptable that a police officer is on \$105.70 p/h plus \$0.79 per km for the vehicle for every km traveled including return to base. that equates to \$1.62 per km @ an average speed of 65 kmph for his hourly rate alone plus the car @ 0.79 is a minimum of \$2.41 per km if not more as the majority of police loads would not average even 65kmph over the trip.

we can not as an industry sit back and not fight for a fair rate as the rest of the transport industry is currently doing now.

Nor can we expect to be taken seriously if you intend to just ride on the coat tails of the fair rate campaign and not strongly voice support as the national body.

I have talk to several non-members and the issue of setting rates would be a deciding issue regarding joining or not joining your association.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this issue and hopefully joining and helping to make a fairer and safer industry for all involved

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