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Newletter

Dear [Recipient],

Welcome to the NRFA, This association was formed after the Truck Shutdown in 2008, it has been slowly gaining recognition as a believable and strong organization that has participated in many meetings involving transport issues, we are a national body with board members in most states which allows us to have people at every meeting around the country, and that is very important

The last twelve months have been very hectic for the NRFA board and as such the line of communication with the membership has been neglected, as the new membership director it will be my job to remedy that situation.

Many of you won't be aware of the changes being proposed by the Government and even though there has been a change of Government it seems that the bureaucratic reforms started under the previous Government will continue to be played out.

The issues we face are many, to name a few the ones that will impact very soon are, The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, the new Work Diaries, Distance, Mass, Location charges that will replace Heavy Vehicle Registrations, (Road Tax in other words), and of course the Safe Rates push, that will be linked to increased scrutiny of your records and control over the rates you will be able to charge.

In the coming months the men and women on the NRFA board will be dealing with these proposed changes by attending the consultation meeting that seem to dominate most of our time, it is necessary that we participate or it will appear that we are happy to roll over and accept their push for absolute control of our industry.

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I will be attempting to explain the dangers that these reforms will mean in future communications with the membership, you need to understand that all these reforms have some sugar in them but there is more Vinegar than sugar, most people will only see the sugar and think these reforms are good, but I can assure you, that is not the case.

It is essential that the NRFA gains the support of everyone in the Road Transport Industry to counter these attacks on our industry, as such we need the sheer weight of numbers to become relevant as an association that is representative of the greater transport community.

The fight cost money and at \$100.00 per year we are most likely the cheapest grass roots association in Australia, the board members are also out on the road experiencing the same frustration as you are so we understand what changes are needed.

As the Founder of the NRFA and a current board member it will be very important to ensure that long term existence of the NRFA, to achieve that we need your support, please consider joining our ranks and be part of the fight we face.

Communication though the electronic media such as email will enhance our ability to bring up to date information to you, please update all your contact details if they change, we are currently getting emails bouncing back for invalid addresses, for us to stay in touch please help us to keep them current in our records.

The membership form is included in this letter, please photo copy it and hand it around, also return a completed copy with your renewal.

Until next time

Stay safe

Warm regards,

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