

TWU MEMBERS AND LEADERSHIP MEET TO FOCUS ON LIFTING STANDARDS IN TRANSPORT

Last week in Sydney, TWU's National Council put in place plans to win transport reform, rebuild aviation to lift standards, and work towards a national approach in the waste industry.

Every year TWU members and elected TWU leadership, who form TWU's National Council, meet to make key decisions about our plan of action to improve the lives of transport workers. **You can see some highlights from what we've done over the last year in [road transport here](#) and [aviation here](#).**

THE WEEK'S EVENTS

VIGIL FOR TRUCK DRIVERS

On Tuesday, council held an action in the Sydney CBD in vigil for 301 truck drivers killed since the road safety watchdog was abolished seven years ago, calling for urgent transport reform.

Former Scott's truck driver John Waltis shared the harrowing story of two truck driver deaths that had occurred at Scott's in the last 18 months.



CLEANAWAY ACTION

Cleanaway workers were on strike for the 6th time in the City of Sydney and for the first time across multiple sites in Victoria, faced with persistent attacks to pay and conditions by Cleanaway management.

Council resolved during the week to launch a national campaign calling on state governments to address pay and conditions for waste workers.

MEMBER PANELS

During the week we heard from workers from right across the transport industry, from road transport to aviation, and how members are working to lift standards in their yards and workplaces.



Gig economy panel: Rosalina Kario rideshare, Ashley Moreland food delivery, Nabin Adhikari food delivery, Davis Clayton food delivery

Below the wing panel: Anthony de Romeis - Virgin, Mark Le Gassick - Gate Gourmet, Ian Cruise - Menzies, Ryan Smith - SNP, Marion Haris - CSA, Martin Cabello - Dnata, Vic Provenzano - Virgin

Above the wing panel: Duncan Borg Virgin, Ash Stewart, Ben Mascione Virgin, Jo Woodford VARA

Transport reform now panel: Frank Black owner driver, Tony Matthews FedEx owner driver, John Waltis former Scotts driver, Guillaume Maze TGE, Travers Gates

Majors panel: Rod Coleman Startack, Glenn Daniels FedEx, Margaret Harvey TGE, David Andrews Toll

COMMITMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT

- **NSW Premier Chris Minns** committed to protections for gig workers
- **NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey** confirmed the government will expand workers' compensation to cover transport gig workers
- **Workplace Relations Minister Tony Burke** committed to introducing laws that would empower the Fair Work Commission to set minimum standards in road transport
- We also heard from Minister for Environment and Water Tanya Plibersek, NSW Minister for Industrial Relations Sophie Cotsis, Senator Glenn Sterle, Senator Tony Sheldon, workers, employers and industry associations.



NSW Premier Chris Minns addresses National Council dinner



Minister for Environment and Water Tanya Plibersek shows off her new TWU jacket



Minister for Workplace Relations Tony Burke receives a standing ovation as he re-commits to introducing road transport reform



NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey and NSW Industrial Relations Minister Sophie Cotsis, with NSW/QLD Secretary Richard Olsen and National Secretary Michael Kaine

VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

The TWU Council opened with a unanimous commitment to answer the call of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members and the wider community and campaign for a 'YES' vote in the referendum to achieve a Voice to Parliament. [Find out how you can support the campaign.](#)



WHAT DID NATIONAL COUNCIL RESOLVE?

- To continue our campaign for Federal Parliament to pass **transport reform**, including mass actions, convoys and maximising unity between workers, employers, gig companies, industry associations and supply chain clients
- To make applications to the Fair Work Commission to **lift standards in aviation awards**
- To launch a **national campaign** calling on state governments to address **pay and conditions for waste workers** following ongoing protected industrial action against Cleanaway.

JOIN THE TWU TODAY

We need everyone in the union to lift standards in transport.

If you're not a member, [scan the QR code or click here to join now.](#)

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