



Queensland Bus Industry Council Inc.

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Bus drivers call for better protection

The peak body representing Queensland's bus industry has warned of a mass exodus of bus drivers if they are not given greater protection while doing their job.

The joint warning from the Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC) and the Transport Workers' Union coincided with the 'Get on Board' campaign as bus drivers unite in demanding action to reduce violence on the public transport network.

QBIC Executive Director David Tape says the industry has had enough of drivers being assaulted, robbed, and abused in their workplace.

"Our drivers are simply not getting enough protection as they go about their very important job of getting Queenslanders to their destinations."

"This issue can't be ignored and we also demand harsher penalties for offenders who attack bus drivers as well as the travelling public."

Mr Tape also called for comprehensive risk assessments to be conducted on the state's bus networks.

"Bus driving is a unique skill but unfortunately we may lose good people if they feel they are not in a safe working environment."

"How can we increase services and reduce traffic congestion if we do not have sufficient drivers?" warned Mr Tape.

The Get on Board campaign was launched today at Pacific Fair on the Gold Coast.

QBIC Executive Director David Tape is available for further comment.

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