



**Queensland Bus Industry Council Inc.**

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**Bus industry commends Transport Minister on driver safety review**

The peak body representing Queensland's bus industry said it stands with Transport Minister Stirling Hinchliffe following the announcement that a wide-ranging review into bus driver safety across the state would be established.

Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC) Executive Director David Tape said the Minister had listened to both QBIC and the Transport Workers Union and had responded decisively.

"Bus drivers are the key to our entire bus network and they deserve to do their job without fear of assault or intimidation.

He said QBIC hopes the review will not only bring solutions to the table in terms of keeping drivers safe in their workplace, but will also deal with the issue of the courts and the lack of serious consequences for assaulting a driver.

"Drivers perform an essential service to our communities in moving people effectively for employment and social activities including the elderly who rely on buses for services like medical appointments.

"Bus travel reduces social exclusion and help stimulate our State's economy."

Mr Tape said drivers should be considered the same as police, ambulance, and others who provide essential services to the public.

"We look forward to working with the Minister and other key stakeholders to deal with this issue once and for all."

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