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Senator Bob Day  
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Dear Senator Day

Livestock SA is very concerned about the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal and in particular the Contractor Driver Minimum Payments Road Safety Remuneration Order 2016.

There are a number of issues with the 2016 Order that remain unresolved –but fundamentally there is a real risk that it will price many small owner-operators out of the market, leaving to fewer, more expensive options for movement of agricultural produce. There is a strong possibility that backloads and part loads will become cost-prohibitive, as the minimum rates must be paid by each hirer to the contractor, so the cost of a full load and part load will potentially be the same. Farmers who also drive trucks to supplement their income may no longer be able to source work.

For this State's livestock producers who currently rely in the most part on local trucking companies to transport livestock this could lead to real difficulties. They will either have to engage a larger company with employee drivers to move smaller consignments of livestock; move the livestock in their own truck; or pay significantly higher freight rates – but only if no other options are available.

As this Order is supposedly about road safety, if producers begin to move livestock in their own trucks, this could actually worsen road safety as smaller trucks are much less efficient, less safe and do more damage to the road on a tonne/km basis.

Livestock SA seeks your support in either abolishing the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal or at the very least to rescind the Contractor Driver Minimum Payments Road Safety Remuneration Order 2016.

Yours sincerely

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**President**  
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