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SUBJECT: Road Transport Dislocation.

(Submission No. 31889)

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TITLE: Road Transport Dislocation.

CABINET decided:-

That the contents of the Submission be noted.

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ROAD TRANSPORT DISLOCATION

1. Further to the Cabinet meeting of 25th July, 1981 concerning the current road transport dislocation, I have had enquiries made today by officers of the Department of Transport on the following relevant matters:-

BUS SERVICES

Contact has been made today with the operators of the major long distance services, Brisbane urban services and operators in selected country centres.

The position is outlined in some detail on Attachment A, however, in summary, the position is as follows:-

Long Distance

McCafferty's Bus Service have not discontinued any services and propose to continue operating as normal.

Skennars Bus Service anticipate being able to commence some services today and hope to return to normal tomorrow.

Greyhound held meetings today and subsequently propose to resume long distance services today and Gold Coast local services tomorrow.

Ansett-Pioneer propose to consider today the possibility of return to work, having regard to the provisions of the Order in Council.

Brisbane Urban Services

Of the 11 services involved, 8 hope to resume normal operations tomorrow morning, 2 are still undecided and 1 could not be contacted today.

Country Services

Operators in Townsville, Toowoomba, Cairns and Ipswich have been contacted and all services are running as normal. In most cases, non-T.W.U. labour is employed.

Charter Operations

These are conducted over and above normal services and enquiries indicate that most operators are temporarily scaling down these activities, particularly in view of the possible shortage of fuel.

Arrangements have been made for each operator to contact a specific number at the Police Department where they anticipate any picketing problems and, in addition, appropriate details have been supplied direct to the Police Department from the Department of Transport. With the exception of country services, all operators referred to should have been supplied with copies of the Order in Council.

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GOODS

Department of Transport Inspectors made observations in various areas of Brisbane concerning parked trucks which remain unloaded due to the strike.

A total of 56 vehicles were observed in various locations as set out on Attachment B.

Several vehicles used for the carriage of frozen foods were involved, however, no damage to contents is anticipated as the freezing levels are maintained by special motors fitted to the vehicles.

Difficulties were experienced in inspecting some loads as the vehicles were in locked yards and, in some cases, the prime mover had been unhitched from a loaded trailer.

In addition, wholesale grocery establishments were observed and it was noted that groceries were being loaded on vehicles at a number of outlets.

The normal line of vehicles waiting to unload at the markets was observed and no problems in the unloading procedures are anticipated.

MAJOR CARRIERS

Contact has been made with major carriers, principally freight forwarders, to ascertain their current situation and this is summarized on Attachment C.

It is apparent that the T.W.U. has been selective in authorizing certain carriers to move goods while preventing others from doing so.

Particular attention is drawn to comments made by Mr. B. Jackson, Managing Director of Q.R.X., in this regard.

Linfox, who are the contract carriers for Woolworths and Coles, have been given a dispensation by the T.W.U. to supply stores in South-East Queensland. This does not extend to Q.R.X. and through them to western and northern areas.

Queensland Independent Wholesalers (Tickles) have, since this morning, been given a dispensation for the carriage of goods from their own warehouse by their own vehicles and their normal carriers to centres in South-East Queensland.

TRUCKING ORGANIZATIONS

Last night during the course of a Cabinet meeting, Mr. Neal Kent, Deputy Commissioner for Transport, and myself had discussions with Mr. Charlie Collins, National Treasurer of the Independent Truckers Association, and Mr. Bob Weir, a Queensland Member of the Association, concerning their offer to provide emergency transport.

My discussions with these gentlemen reveal that the Association has approximately 60 paid up members. Whilst I do not question the goodwill of these members, I severely doubt their ability to be able to provide a significant number of vehicles to cope with any emergency.

Details of the various trucking organizations currently operating in Queensland are shown on Attachment D.

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2. Submitted for the information of Cabinet.

(D.F. Lane)
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Brisbane
26th July, 1981

LONG DISTANCE

<u>AREA</u>	<u>OPERATOR</u>	<u>PRESENT POSITION</u>	<u>PROPOSED POSITION</u>
Brisbane - Cairns - Mt. Isa, Queensland/ Northern Territory Border - Longreach Townsville - Mt. Isa	Ansett Pioneer	Not operating. All passengers notified Friday.	Proposes resume operations tomorrow, but buses could be empty for several days as all passengers notified Friday re cessation.
Toowoomba - Helidon - Gold Coast - Bollon - Millmerran Brisbane - Rockhampton Rockhampton - Mackay Central Queensland Coalfields	J. McCafferty	Normal operations despite threats by Union.	Proposes to continue normal operations.
Brisbane - Sunshine Coast - Gold Coast - Brisbane Valley - Stanthorpe, Goondiwindi, Wallangarra	C.B. Skennar	Skeleton services today.	Proposes normal services tomorrow despite Union blockade Thursday.
Brisbane - Coolangatta, Cairns, Mt. Isa Townsville - Mt. Isa	Greyhound Coaches Pty. Ltd.	Ceased services following Union intimidation.	Proposes to gradually resume normal long distance services from this afternoon.

URBAN METROPOLITAN SERVICES

City - Wynnum Manly/Lota Wellington Point - Redland Bay	Lewis Bus Lines	Not operating following Union intimidation last Friday.	Uncertain re future operations despite meeting of company staff today. Copy of Order in Council handed to company's Traffic Manager.
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Brisbane - Abattoirs, Colmslie, Gibson Island	Brisbane-Gibson Island Bus Service	Unable to contact operator.	
City - Mt. Gravatt, Eight Mile Plains, Rochedale	Rochedale Bus Service (N. Dunn)	Operating as normal with non-T.W.U. drivers.	Proposes to operate as normal.
City - Oxley, Centenary Estates	Centenary Bus Service	Ceased operating Friday 2 p.m. following Union intimidation.	Proposes to operate normal route services but concerned re union reaction.
Brisbane - Scarborough, Woody Point	Hornibrook Bus Lines Pty. Ltd.	Ceased services following Union intimidation.	Drivers have voted to operate normal services as from tomorrow.
Goodna - Carole Park, Inala	Doyles Bus Service	Operating as normal with exception of some school charter work - withdrawn to ensure childrens safety. No threats from Union.	Proposes to operate as normal tomorrow.
Brisbane - Samford, Dayboro, Boonah	Brisbane Bus Lines (W.J. Mitchell)	Ceased services Friday following Union intimidation.	Proposes to operate normal services as from tomorrow.
Inala - Darra & Oxley Railway Stations, Wacol, Salisbury	Inala Bus Service	Ceased operations following Union intimidation.	Proposes to operate normal services as from tomorrow.
Caboolture & district	Kangaroo Bus Lines	Operating as normal - non-Union drivers.	Proposes to continue as normal.
Loganholme - Upper Mt. Gravatt via Shailer Park, Daisy Hill, Springwood.	Clarks Bus Services	Operating as normal - no Union intimidation.	Proposes to operate as normal.

URBAN PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Operating as normal -

Cities of Cairns - no approaches by T.W.U. Most drivers not T.W.U. members.

Townsville - no approaches by T.W.U. Most drivers not T.W.U. members.

Toowoomba - no approaches by T.W.U. Most drivers not T.W.U. members.

Ipswich - Exempted by T.W.U. following unified rejection of strike by bus drivers.

Gladstone - Workers services ceased. Will consider operations Monday, but may need Police Protection.

(Camilleri - Workers
contractor to Alumina
Plant)

Gold Coast - proposes normal services tomorrow.

GENERAL CARRIERS

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Loaded</u>	<u>Loading</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Queensland Transport Terminal, Rocklea	2	General and drums	Unable to unload. Drums have been in Brisbane since last Monday.
Rocklea	14	4 Refrigerated vans, 1 load of general, 1 load of pipes and others tarped	4 refrigerated vans (Lindsay Bros.) with margarine and chocolates arrived last Saturday. Refrigeration units operating.
Darra	2	1 General Goods 1 Gyprock	Arrived Brisbane last Monday. Unable to unload.
Moorooka	2	Perishables	In Seaton's Depot behind locked gates. Refrigeration units operating.
Acacia Ridge	2	Tarped	
Coopers Plains	2	General	
Salisbury	6	1 Pipes 1 Agricultural Machinery 4 Tarped	

BRISBANE MARKETS

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Waiting to Unload</u>	<u>Loading</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Rocklea Markets	18	Fruit/vegetables	Driver of interstate vehicle, Mr. Stantor, interviewed and he advised expected to be unloaded after 12.00 noon. Apparently no problems.

GROCERY WHOLESALERS

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Observed Loading</u>	<u>Loading</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Coles Bulk Warehouse, Acacia Ridge	2	Groceries	Loadings being taken to Lismore. Union authorization held.
Tickles, Coopers Plains	3	Groceries	
Jack the Slasher, Loganlea	3	Groceries	Security Guard advised a number of vehicles loaded this morning. No problems. Police had called earlier.
Coles Bulk Warehouse, Hendra			Closed. No activity.
Barry's Distribution Centre, Enoggera			Closed. No activity.
Woolworths Distribution Centre, Everton Park			Woolworths employee advised no vehicles loaded since last Tuesday. However, Linfox's vehicles will be loaded as from tomorrow.

CARRIERGENERAL POSITION

Queenstate Transport
Management -
A. Colenso (Qld. Manager)
(Principal carrying
organisation within Mayne
Nickless group. Mayne
Nickless Managing Director
not available)

Eighty (80) vehicles not operating including
Morgan's Transport. Loading affected includes
meat and smallgoods (refrigerated goods).
Company not prepared to operate as policy is
not to break strike action by Union for fear of
retaliation.

In view of Order-in-Council, Mr. Colenso proposes
to contact Company Director in Melbourne for
advice as he is sure demands will be made on
Company on Monday for goods to be delivered.

Brambles Transport
Services -
Ron Glanfield

All company drivers on strike. Up to 200
vehicles involved and 300-500 employees.
Decision on return to work would be made by
Company Directors.

G. Gowin & Sons -
G. Cowin (Snr.)

Not operating. Too risky to be blackbanned.
Has been trying to contact Union representative
to ascertain if sugar is an essential
foodstuff. No return call received and it
is company's intention to operate to food stores
Monday unless Union directs otherwise.

QRX -
Bryan Jackson,
Managing Director.

Mr. Jackson advised that Bevis gave dispensation
to Linfox Transport Group to move foodstuffs.
QRX accepted this as a general dispensation
to all carriers moving food and called in drivers
and fork lift drivers and started loading. T.W.U.
immediately blackbanned QRX.

Bevis stated that warehouses in northern half of
State were full. Jackson indicated that north
does not have large warehouses and relies on
fast freight trains. Enquiries by Jackson at
Rockhampton, Ayr, Townsville and Cairns
indicates the position is critical.

T.W.U. gave dispensation to QRX to send one
truck load of food to Dalby. QRX sent 2 trucks
in defiance of Union.

Jackson expects some advice tonight or early
tomorrow following company representation to
Bevis.

Queensland Railways holding motive power to
send trains north at noon or later on Monday
depending on loading time.

Linfox

Officials of Company able to comment not available.

TNT

Officials of Company able to comment not available.

SUMMARY OF ROAD HAULIERS' REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS

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| <u>Australian Road Transport Federation</u> | - The national body representing all State Road Transport Associations plus the Long Distance Road Transport Association and the National Freight Forwarders' Association, in addition to Furniture Removalists' Association, Taxi Council of Australia and some Bus Associations. |
| <u>Association of Australian Transport Operators</u> | - Splinter group formed following truckers blockade. |
| <u>Queensland Road Transport Association Limited</u> | - Represents major road transport operators as well as 300-400 specialist owner/driver carriers. |
| <u>Long Distance Road Transport Association</u> | - New South Wales based organisation. Not fully represented in Queensland, but part of Australian Road Transport Federation. Has membership in each State. Generally consists of owner/drivers of small fleets who sub-contract to major carriers. Has long distance owner/driver's agreement with T.W.U. as interstate operators, but cannot be controlled by T.W.U. in an individual State. |
| <u>National Freight Forwarder's Association</u> | - Comprises major national transport companies in Australia including TNT, Brambles, Mayne Nickless, Ipec, Fleetways. Control based in New South Wales and Victoria. Handles approximately 50% total road freight movement in Australia. |
| <u>Independent Truckers' Association</u> | - Membership of owners of small fleets (1-5 trucks) with a paid-up membership of 60 although claims total membership of 300. |