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The Safer Australian Roads And Highways (SARAH) Group will present a 20,000+ signature petition to acting premier Andrew Stoner 11am today.

Following a crash on the Hume Highway on 15 February 2012 which killed stranded motorist Ms Sarah Frazer and the tow truck driver who came to assist her, Mr Geoff Clark, the Frazer family started SARAH Group.Org in order to launch a road safety campaign. In the month following the crash, the SARAH Group began a petition calling on the NSW Government to:

1. Introduce legislation requiring that all major Roads, Highways and Freeways (rural and urban) have a continuity of 2.5m breakdown lanes in order to provide a safe breakdown space for drivers and passengers; and
2. Introduce legislation requiring drivers who see flashing hazard or emergency lights to slow down to half the posted speed limit and when safe to do so, move into an adjacent lane away from the vehicle/s displaying the flashing lights.

“We started the petition a mere eight weeks ago to ensure that no other family loses loved ones in such preventable circumstances,” Peter Frazer, Sarah’s father, said.

The Petition has met with overwhelming community support in addition to support from emergency services unions and the general business community. Over 30 State and Federal Ministers from all sides of politics have joined this road safety push.

The road safety campaign has received in principle support from the Police Association of NSW, the Fire Brigade Employees Union (NSW), the Motor Traders Association of NSW and the Emergency Medical Service Protection Association NSW. The NRMA, leading supply chain Linfox and the Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters Association (ALTRA) have also put out statements of support, welcoming the initiatives in the petition.