



## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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### **INQUIRY INTO HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY**

Heavy vehicles account for 21% of fatal crashes on NSW roads. Recently introduced changes to legislation and industrial awards address fatigue and safety management in the NSW trucking industry. Practical measures include the preparation of Driver Fatigue Management Plans and Safe Driving Plans. These measures were introduced in 2006 and it is now timely to review their operation and effectiveness in reducing the representation of heavy vehicles in the NSW road toll.

The Committee will inquire into and report on heavy vehicle safety, with particular reference to:

- a) the adequacy of implementation of the NSW Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Long Distance Truck Driver Fatigue) Regulation 2005 and the Transport Industry - Mutual Responsibility for Road Safety (State) Award, particularly in relation to heavy vehicle driver fatigue management and safe driving plans;
- b) the integration of NSW OH&S and industrial relations legislation governing heavy vehicles to ensure consistency and conformity with that applying in other States, as part of the national reform agenda;
- c) the adequacy of the Government's provision of infrastructure to support the implementation of heavy vehicle driver fatigue management and safe driving plans in NSW; and
- d) responses to heavy vehicle driver fatigue management and safe driving plans in other jurisdictions, further proposals and any other related matters.