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INQUIRY WILL EXAMINE WHOLE-OF-LIFE DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The parliamentary inquiry into driver education, training and road safety will hear evidence at two public hearings during May, Albury MP Greg Aplin, Chair of the Parliament's Staysafe Committee, announced today.

The Committee is examining the role of driver education and training for people of all ages, wherever they live, and however they use their vehicle.

"We received 76 submissions to our inquiry," Mr Aplin said, "from private citizens, researchers, advocates, industry and government."

Invited stakeholders will appear before the Committee at Parliament House on Monday 22 May and Monday 29 May 2017 to expand on their submissions and answer the Committee's questions.

"The submissions cover the broadest possible cross-section of road users and the community," Mr Aplin said, "including drivers, driver trainers, road safety academics, educators, regulators, and many other road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, and heavy vehicle operators."

The hearings will consider the causes of road accidents and the role of education and training, particularly given the recent spike in fatalities after so many years of declining numbers.

"New South Wales is at the forefront of implementing driver training and road safety education which address the community's need for safe roads in a variety of ways," Mr Aplin said.

The Committee will examine the objectives of current road safety research, driver training, and education campaigns to see whether it can identify any gaps or other pointers which will allow New South Wales to continue building on its excellent road safety record.

"These public hearings are an opportunity for invited witnesses and experts to let us know what we can do to improve skills, change attitudes, and deliver better road safety outcomes for New South Wales."

The hearings are open to the public and streamed live online. For more information including a full hearing schedule, go to the Staysafe Committee website at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/staysafe.

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