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**CAN TECHNOLOGY MAKE TRUCKS SAFER?**

The Staysafe Committee of the NSW Parliament is examining heavy vehicle safety and how technology can be used to improve road safety, Albury MP Greg Aplin, Chair of the Committee, announced today.

“The Committee received a referral from Melinda Pavey, Minister for Roads, requesting that we examine heavy vehicle safety technology, how well it is working and how quickly it is being installed,” Mr Aplin said.

The Committee has recently examined driverless car technology and the role of lifetime driver education in improving road safety.

“Technology is playing an ever greater role in lowering road deaths and injuries,” Mr Aplin said, “and this is the case for heavy vehicles as much as for cars.”

Many in-vehicle technologies are already widely installed in heavy vehicles including speed limiters, on-board safety monitoring cameras and other recording devices, lane departure warning, and automatic braking.

“The Committee will examine the cost and take-up of these technologies,” Mr Aplin said, “as well as examine developments in connected technologies which allow trucks to receive information on traffic conditions from smart roadside infrastructure.”

The Committee will also examine how to ensure that safety standards are set, met and monitored by manufacturers, individual operators, fleet managers, and regulators.

“Heavy vehicle safety is an area of vital concern to the whole community,” Mr Aplin said.

“We all enjoy the benefits of a modern trucking fleet underpinning our economic prosperity, so we should all be concerned that our trucks are as safe as possible for drivers and all road users.”

Submissions to the inquiry will be received until Monday 5 February 2018.

For more information on the inquiry go to the Staysafe Committee website at:  
[www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/staysafe](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/staysafe).

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