MEDIA RELEASE Thursday 18 January 2018 Staysafe Committee to inquire into holiday road toll

The Staysafe Committee of the NSW Parliament is expanding its inquiry into heavy vehicle safety to review the increase in road fatalities between December 2017 and January 2018, Albury MP Greg Aplin, Chair of the Committee, announced today.

"The Committee received a request from the Hon. Melinda Pavey, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight that we expand the terms of reference to our current inquiry in order to examine the tragic spike in road fatalities over the recent holiday period," Mr Aplin said.

In making the announcement to expand the current inquiry, Mr Aplin also noted recent work undertaken by the Committee into driverless car technology and the role of lifetime driver education in improving road safety including the issue of unlicensed drivers.

"Expanding our inquiry to examine these recent crashes is part of the Committee's continued commitment to improving road safety outcomes for all road users in New South Wales," Mr Aplin said.

Submissions to the inquiry have been extended until Sunday 25 February 2018.

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

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