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WHICH HEAVY VEHICLE TECHNOLOGIES WILL MAKE OUR ROADS SAFER?

The Staysafe Committee of the NSW Parliament will hold a public hearing on Monday 9 April 2018 to hear evidence for its inquiry into heavy vehicle safety and how technology can be used to improve road safety, Albury MP Greg Aplin, Chair of the Committee, announced today.

“We are keen to hear how technology is already improving road safety and what technologies offer the most promise for the future,” Mr Aplin said.

Committee members recently inspected safety and driver assist technology installed in heavy vehicles at Tollgroup in Western Sydney, and saw how Roads and Maritime Services is overlooking the roadworthiness of heavy vehicles at its Wetherill Park site.

“We will examine how to encourage better take-up rates of safety technology in heavy vehicles as well as which regulatory approaches are the most effective,” Mr Aplin said.

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.

“One of the big questions is whether mandating certain technologies is the best way to update the whole heavy vehicle fleet and ensure its continuing improvement,” Mr Aplin said.

The 2017-2018 holiday road toll is also being examined by the Committee.

“We have been shocked by the recent spike in fatalities,” Mr Aplin said, “and will examine the data to see why our long period of improved road safety has been interrupted.”

The public hearing will start at 9.00am on Monday 9 April 2018 in Parliament House, Sydney where the Committee will hear from eight stakeholders including heavy vehicle operators, researchers and the NSW Government.

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

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