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Future road safety inquiries

"Compulsory first aid training for learner drivers and community-specific road safety campaigning are two proposals we recommend for future road safety inquiries," said Mr Greg Aplin MP, Member for Albury and Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe).

Staysafe tabled its Review of Road Safety Issues for Future Inquiry in the New South Wales Parliament today.

"We invited the community to tell us what road safety issues should be examined by Staysafe in the next Parliament," Mr Aplin said.

The Committee received 34 submissions from individuals, academics, health professionals, driver and rider advocates, and industry, covering issues which ranged from road rules, through driver training, to how to investigate crashes and analyse data.

"Two proposals stood out," Mr Aplin said, "which we are happy to recommend to assist the new Committee in the 57th Parliament."

Staysafe also identified four potential inquiries which will require a little more consideration before they are ready to proceed: local road funding to reduce fatalities, the needs of older road users, improving crash investigation, and examining heavy vehicle industry working arrangements.

"I am very proud of Staysafe's achievements," Mr Aplin said.

The Committee, which was established in 1982, has made many significant recommendations including the introduction of random breath testing, immediate license suspension for high-range drink driving, and safety rating of motorcycle protective clothing.

"This is our fifth report in the 56th Parliament," Mr Aplin said, "having previously examined motorcycle safety, driverless vehicles, whole-of-life driver education and training, and heavy vehicle safety technology."

"I am honoured to have chaired this Committee for two Parliaments," Mr Aplin said, "and to have worked with so many dedicated and passionate people inside Parliament and out to help make our roads safer and work towards achieving zero road deaths."

The Review of Road Safety Issues for Future Inquiry and further information are available on the [Staysafe Committee's](#) website.

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