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## Media Release – learning to drive in rural and regional NSW

How can we ensure people in rural and regional NSW are able to get a driver licence?

The Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety is looking at the support learner drivers in rural and regional NSW need in order to meet the requirements for getting a driver licence.

"People in rural and regional areas can face greater challenges in meeting the requirements to obtain a driver licence. This can impact their access to employment and a range of services like education, health care, and community support," said Committee Chair The Hon. Lou Amato MLC.

The inquiry is calling for ideas on how to address issues such as limited access to training and licensing services. It also includes looking at how driver simulators and other technology could assist learners.

"We need to understand the challenges and disadvantages people face in getting their licence. Our inquiry will allow us to look at the right support and training needed for learner drivers in rural and regional NSW".

"We want to hear from individuals and community groups in rural and regional NSW about their experiences of obtaining a driver licence and how it can be improved".

More information, including the inquiry's [terms of reference](#) and how to make a submission, is on the Committee's [webpage](#).

Submissions close on 14 May 2021.

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