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Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe)

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Safety issues with electric and hybrid vehicle batteries

Recent media reports and industry concerns about electric and hybrid vehicle battery safety has led to a NSW parliamentary committee inquiring into the issue. The Committee on Road Safety is examining the potential risks of this emerging technology.

"While electric and hybrid vehicle technology has clear benefits, for example environmental benefits, there may be safety concerns that need to be considered and addressed to ensure the responsible and safe operating of electric and hybrid vehicles" said Committee Chair, Greg Warren MP.

"It may be the case that enhanced training, safety equipment and support should be made available to workers in the automotive industry and emergency services personnel to ensure this technology, and the specific risks associated with it, are fully understood."

The Committee wants to hear from a wide range of stakeholders about this issue, including electric and hybrid vehicle users, manufacturers, repairers, first responders and the general public.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on Friday, 24 November 2023.

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