

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe)

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MEDIA RELEASE

How can road trauma in regional NSW be reduced?

Last year close to 70 per cent of the state's road fatalities occurred in regional NSW.¹ A new inquiry by the Committee on Road Safety is looking into what work can be done to reduce regional road trauma caused by speeding, fatigue, drink and drug driving.

"Regional communities continue to have a disproportionately high number of road fatalities and it is important that we look for interventions to combat road trauma on regional roads," said Committee Chair, Greg Warren MP.

"Our inquiry is looking at whether current strategies and programs are effective in reducing driving risk factors, such as fatigue, speeding and drink driving, that increase the likelihood of road crashes."

The Committee would like to hear from a range of stakeholders on this important issue and are inviting submissions from regional and rural community members, road safety experts, community organisations, local councils, first responders and healthcare workers.

More information, including the inquiry's terms of refence and how to make a submission, is available on the Committee's <u>webpage</u>.

Submissions close on 25 July 2025.

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¹ Transport for NSW, <u>Drive so others survive</u>, media release, 12 May 2025.