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REVIEW OF ROAD SAFETY ISSUES FOR FUTURE INQUIRY

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1. I would suggest the Committee examine what is taking place in China as regards 'driverless' or 'autonomous' vehicles. It appears that the authorities have requested (directed perhaps) that a substantial % of vehicles within two or three years be available for sale;

2. The Committee does not have to make a recommendation that new vehicles in Australia would be safer if driverless. That said it is fairly obvious that such vehicles will reduce our road toll and injuries. The cost of the latter is frequently overlooked when road safety is discussed;

3. Recommending that all vehicles, heavy vehicles included, be, at a minimum, fitted with Forward Collision Warning (FCW) & it would be most beneficial if AEB was part of that package. But that said if manufacturers of heavy vehicles make too much 'noise' at least FCW would be exceedingly beneficial in reducing the severity of collisions involving a heavy vehicle whether with a light vehicle or another heavy vehicle;

4. It is none too clear to me which authority / department has the responsibility to mandate safety aids for heavy vehicles. It is noted that there is a plethora of driver aid technology available right now for heavy vehicles.