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## **SPEED LIMITS AND ROAD SAFETY IN REGIONAL NSW**

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NSW is a vast state with large portions only accessible via road. With the advances in technology over the last 50 years cars are the safest they have ever been. One of the biggest risks whilst driving is fatigue, much has been made of this fact. If the speed limits were increased, at the very least in country areas, the risk of fatigued drivers would decrease. For example if the limit was increased to 130km/h (what most countries in Europe have as the limit), 1.5 hours would be saved when travelling from Broken Hill to Wagga Wagga. The time has come to raise the speed limit, as we have the safest cars in human history combined with an extensive knowledge of fatigue.