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INQUIRY INTO HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY

The Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe) has recommenced its inquiry into Heavy Vehicle Safety. This inquiry, commenced last year, was deferred due to an urgent review of pedestrian safety, now completed.

The Staysafe Committee is examining fatigue and safety management in the NSW trucking industry. Driver Fatigue Management Plans and Safe Driving Plans have been progressively introduced since 2006 and Staysafe will review their operation and effectiveness in reducing the representation of heavy vehicles in the NSW road toll.

“Heavy vehicles account for 21% of fatal crashes on NSW roads and 14% nationally. It is timely to review the status of heavy vehicle safety in NSW as part of improving the management of driver fatigue and safe driving plans”, said the Chair of the Staysafe Committee, Mr Geoff Corrigan MP, Member for Camden. “The Committee will look at the regulatory framework operating in NSW and its conformity with the National Transport Reform Agenda. It will also examine the provision of infrastructure to support driver safety and how the performance of NSW compares with other jurisdictions”, Mr Corrigan continued.

“The hearing on Monday will enable the Committee to obtain information from heavy vehicle operators, representative industry bodies and government agencies with responsibilities in the area of heavy vehicle safety. Every such input will make a valuable contribution to the Committee’s work”, Mr Corrigan concluded.

The public hearing will commence at 9.30am in Room 814-815 at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Mr Geoff Corrigan, Chairman, on (02) 4655 3333 or 0412 551 768.

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