



Inquiry into the pressures on heavy vehicle drivers and their impact in New South Wales

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and the Arts inquire into and report on the pressures on heavy vehicle drivers and the impact of these pressures on driver practice and observance of regulatory obligations in New South Wales, and in particular:

- (a) the characteristics of the heavy vehicle industry in New South Wales that shape driver practice
- (b) the current and future extent, nature and impact of pressures on driver practice and observance of regulatory obligations by heavy vehicle drivers in New South Wales, in particular:
 - (i) its contribution to the ongoing occurrence of over height vehicle incidents and
 - (ii) its impact on the use of rest areas and other fatigue management practices
- (c) the impact, effectiveness and enforcement of current mechanisms to address current and future pressures and their impacts on heavy vehicle drivers in New South Wales, in particular:
 - (i) training requirements for heavy vehicle drivers
 - (ii) training and education requirements for companies employing heavy vehicle drivers
 - (iii) penalties for over height vehicle incidents
 - (iv) other mechanisms to address over height vehicle incidents
 - (v) the availability, suitability and accessibility of, and priority locations for heavy vehicle rest areas in metropolitan Sydney, and rural and regional New South Wales
 - (vi) the suitability of heavy vehicle rest areas in terms of size, facilities, lighting, signage, and safety
 - (vii) the use of heavy vehicle rest areas and emergency stopping bays for fatigue management and logbook obligations
 - (viii) the relevance, practicality and timeliness of existing heavy vehicle rest area strategies and programs given best practice fatigue management and regulatory requirements
 - (ix) identification of international best practice design guidelines and requirements for heavy vehicle rest areas and their suitability for New South Wales
 - (x) the maintenance of heavy vehicle rest areas and management of public use of heavy vehicle rest stop facilities
- (d) the capability for new and emerging technologies to assist in reducing pressures for heavy vehicle drivers and effect driver practice and observance of regulatory obligations, such as through training, implementing safety measures and fatigue management
- (e) any other related matters.

The terms of reference for the inquiry were self-referred by the committee on 7 August 2023.

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