LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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INQUIRY INTO THE ROAD TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PENALTIES AND OTHER SANCTIONS) BILL 2018

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The Upper House Selection of Bills Committee has referred the Road Transport Legislation Amendment (Penalties and Other Sanctions) Bill 2018 to the Law and Justice Committee.

The Selection of Bills Committee referred the bill due to concerns about the potential changes to the penalties for drink and drug driving offences and the impact on the community and road safety.

The Chair of the Law and Justice Committee, the Hon Natalie Ward MLC, said "the committee welcomes the opportunity to review this bill to enhance public confidence in the proposed legislation."

The Law and Justice Committee will undertake an abridged inquiry process in examining the bill with a one week turnaround time.

The committee welcomes the participation of interested stakeholders and community members. The deadline for submissions is 4.00pm, Friday 21 September 2018 with the committee scheduled to report on 25 September 2018. A public hearing will be held on 24 September 2018.

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the Law and Justice Committee's <u>website</u>.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon Natalie Ward MLC, on 9230 2186