



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 5 – LEGAL AFFAIRS

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE ROAD TRANSPORT AMENDMENT (MOBILE PHONE DETECTION) BILL 2019**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**21 October 2019**

An Upper House committee will be conducting an inquiry into the provisions of the Road Transport Amendment (Mobile Phone Detection) Bill 2019, a bill currently in the Legislative Assembly.

The Road Transport Amendment (Mobile Phone Detection) Bill 2019, a bill introduced by the NSW Government, aims to amend road transport legislation in relation to mobile phone use by drivers. If passed by the Parliament of New South Wales, the bill establishes a presumption that an object held by or resting on a driver in a photograph taken by an approved camera is a mobile phone for the purposes of a mobile phone use offence, unless the driver satisfies a court that the object was not a mobile phone.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, stated: "This inquiry will be an important part of the Legislative Council's role in accountability as it will examine the bill and take into account stakeholder concerns. The committee will have a hearing on Wednesday 30 October 2019 to hear from key road safety organisations and other stakeholders with concerns about the bill."

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