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INQUIRY INTO PRESSURES ON HEAVY VEHICLE DRIVERS AND THEIR IMPACT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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An Upper House inquiry has been established into the pressures on heavy vehicle drivers and their impact in New South Wales.

Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC, Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and the Arts, said: 'This inquiry will examine the extent, nature and impact of pressures on heavy vehicle driver practice and how regulatory obligations are observed. In particular, the committee will investigate how these pressures contribute to over height vehicle incidents and the use of rest areas and other fatigue management practices.'

The Chair continued: 'The committee is also interested in exploring the impact, effectiveness and enforcement of current mechanisms to address the pressures on heavy vehicle drivers, including training and education requirements, penalties for over height vehicle incidents, and the availability, suitability and accessibility of heavy vehicle rest areas in metropolitan Sydney and rural and regional New South Wales'.

'In addition, the committee will consider the capability for new and emerging technologies to assist in reducing pressures for heavy vehicle drivers,' Ms Faehrmann added.

The committee welcomes submissions from heavy vehicle drivers, other interested stakeholders, and members of the community.

The closing date for submissions is 18 September 2023, with committee activity to follow later in the year. For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the committee [website](#).

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