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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources
Inquiry into driverless vehicles

Issue date: Tuesday 28 February 2017

Public Hearings on driverless vehicles rev up

10.45AM WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2017, 1R6

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development will address the [Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation Science and Resources](#) as hearings into its [inquiry into driverless vehicles](#) commence.

Committee Chair, [Michelle Landry MP](#), said the Committee was looking forward to taking evidence on how driverless vehicles have the potential to improve many aspects of life for all Australians.

“Testing of driverless vehicles has begun here in Australia and in many other countries around the world.

It is time to consider not just the technological developments but importantly the social issues that will impact all Australians in the near future. Driverless vehicles have the potential to significantly improve road safety, environment outcomes, and productivity of the economy while also assisting people with mobility issues.” Ms Landry said.

During the inquiry the Committee will focus on issues such as:

- Safety concerns for passengers and non-passengers
- Security risks and privacy requirements of automated technologies
- Legal frameworks and changes to regulations
- Management of labour market impacts
- Accessibility outcomes for rural and regional Australians, and
- Accessibility outcomes for disability groups and the ageing population.

A number of public hearings have been scheduled in Canberra and interstate during March, April and May. The schedule can be found [here](#).

The Committee is still accepting submissions for this inquiry. Please notify the [Committee secretariat](#) if you intend to make a submission.

Further information on the inquiry, including the full [terms of reference](#), is available on the [Committee website](#). The Committee is expected to report by September 2017.



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Public Hearing details:

Time: 10.45am – 11:45am

Date: Wednesday 1 March 2017

Location: Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House, Canberra

[Live Webcast \(Audio only\)](#)

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Interesting watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dWelO53erU>

The Australian Driverless Vehicle Initiative is a peak advisory body focussing on driverless vehicle technology across Australia and New Zealand.