



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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*Chair: Paul Neville MP*

## **National road safety forum: Friday 28 November** ***How can we stop more deaths on our roads?***

The House of Representatives Transport Committee is conducting an inquiry into improving road safety.

**As part of the inquiry, a day-long forum will be held at Parliament House in Canberra this Friday, 28 November, from 8.30am.**

The program of participants follows, and includes representatives from a large number of road user groups – including associations representing pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, truck and bus drivers.

Several State and Territory representatives will also be speaking about their road safety strategies and how they are performing in relation to the 2010 target set in the National Road Safety Strategy. A number of key researchers will address the committee about driver behaviour and vehicle safety initiatives.

The House Transport Committee is reviewing the current National Road Safety Strategy 2001-2010, and the National Road Safety Action Plans for 2001 to 2004, to try and identify what is impeding progress in reducing road trauma.

The target of the National Road Safety Strategy is to achieve a 40 per cent reduction in the annual number of road fatalities in the first decade of the new century (from 9.3 fatalities per 100,000 population in 1999 to no more than 5.6 fatalities per 100,000 population in 2010).

The national road trauma rate appears to have plateaued at about nine fatalities per 100,000 population.

House Transport Committee Chair, Mr Paul Neville MP, says: "The Minister has called for a fresh approach with innovative but realistic ideas to meet the 2010 target. We need new ideas on additional ways of reducing road trauma.

"The public forum will be an intensive examination of a number of existing and future road safety strategies, from the perspective of a wide range of stakeholders. It will provide the input to review current policy and determine if targets and strategies remain appropriate," Mr Neville said.

The House Transport Committee produced the well-received report on managing fatigue in transport, *Beyond the Midnight Oil*, in October 2000.

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### **FORUM DETAILS:**

**INQUIRY INTO NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY**  
**ONE DAY FORUM: CANBERRA**  
**Friday, 28 November 2003**

*Venue:* Committee Room **2R1**, Parliament House, Canberra, from 8.30am

The program for the forum follows ... (2 pages)

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INQUIRY INTO NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY  
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**Introduction and overview**

8.30 a.m. Mr Kym Bills, Executive Director, Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB)

**State Perspectives views on National Road Safety.**

8.50 a.m. Victoria

- Mr Eric Howard: General Manager - Road Safety

9.10 a.m. Western Australia

- Mr Iain Cameron: Executive Director, Office of Road Safety

9.30 a.m. Queensland

- Mr Gary Mahon: Director Strategic Policy Team, Land Transport and Safety

9.50 a.m. South Australia

- Phil Allen, Acting Director Road Safety-Transport Planning

10.10 a.m. New South Wales

Roads Transport Authority (RTA)

- Dr Don Carseldine: Manager, Speed Management
- Dr Soames Job: General Manager, Road Safety Strategy

StaySafe Committee

- The Hon Rick Colless MLC, Committee Member
- Mr Ian Faulks, Committee Manager

10.35 a.m. *Morning Tea*

10.45 a.m. Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS)

Safer Road Infrastructure: Blackspot Program

- Mr Robert Hogan: Assistant Secretary, Transport Programmes South East Branch
- Mr Barry O'Neill: Director, Investment Policy and Black Spots

Vehicle Safety Australian Design Rules

Transport Infrastructure Policy Vehicle Safety Standards

- Mr Peter Robertson: General Manager, Vehicle Safety Standards Branch

11.15 a.m. Rural Speed Limits

- Professor Max Cameron: Monash Accident Research Unit

Road Safety Planning for the Future

- Professor Ian Johnston: Monash Accident Research Unit

11.45 a.m. Cultural Perspectives

- Dr Zoe Sofoulis: Centre for Cultural Research, University of Western Sydney
- Dr Sarah Redshaw: Centre for Cultural Research, University of Western Sydney

12.15 p.m. Bus and Coach Industry View

- Mr Michael Apps: Executive Director, Bus Industry Confederation

12.30 p.m. *Lunch*

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**PROGRAM - CONTINUED**

- 1.15 p.m. Motorcyclists  
➤ Mr Rick Bedford: National President, Ulysses Club Inc.
- 1.30 p.m. Pedestrians  
➤ Mr Harold Scruby: Pedestrian Council of NSW
- 1.45 p.m. Safer road infrastructure: Low cost high-return measures  
➤ Mr Ray Taylor: General Manager Business and Marketing  
ARRB Transport Research Ltd
- 2.00 p.m. Vehicle safety-industry view  
➤ Mr Peter Sturrock: Chief Executive, Federal Chamber of Automotive  
Industries (FCAI)
- 2.15 p.m. Heavy vehicle safety strategy  
➤ Mr Peter Makeham: National Road Transport Commission
- 2.30 p.m. Trucking: Driver and Industry Perspective  
➤ Mr Rod Hannifey: Driver Perspective  
➤ Mr Chris Althaus: Chief Executive Officer, Australian Trucking Association
- 3.00 p.m. *Afternoon Tea*
- 3.15 p.m. Australian Automobile Association Perspective (AAA)  
Australian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP)  
➤ Mr Lauchlan McIntosh: Executive Director  
➤ Mr James Hurnall: Director Technical  
➤ Mr John Metcalfe: Director Research and Policy
- 3.45 p.m. People in urban areas. . . safe walking and cycling  
➤ Mr Michael Yeates: Cyclists Urban Speedlimit Task Force
- 4.00 p.m. General Discussion
- 4.45 p.m. *Conclusion of program*