



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional
Development & Local Government Committee***Chair: Catherine King MP***Committee calls for national level crossing changes**

A House of Representatives Standing Committee has called for an 80 km/h speed limit at level crossings on major highways with a current speed limit of 100 km/h or more.

In a report to be tabled in Parliament tonight, the Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government says the number of collisions at level crossings in Australia was “unacceptably high”.

The Committee has concluded that there is no single cause for all level crossing crashes, and therefore no single solution.

“The most significant factor leading to level crossing collisions is the behaviour of motor vehicle drivers, including drivers of heavy vehicles,” the Committee found.

“As such, methods to adapt and improve this behaviour have the potential to drastically reduce the number of level crossing crashes across Australia.”

Embargoed copies of the report

Embargoed copies of the Committee’s report are available today, only to members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery, from the committee secretariat. The secretariat is located at R1-121, Parliament House, Canberra. After hours copies are available from the Table Office.

A full copy of the report will be available on 23 June at:
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/itrdlg/index.htm>

Press conference:

The Chair of the Committee, Catherine King MP, and Deputy Chair Paul Neville MP will conduct a press conference following the presentation of the report in the House of Representatives.

Details:

Time and date:	12 pm, June 23 2009
Location:	Committee room 1R2, Parliament House
Internal broadcast:	HMS 95.1 FM
Webstreaming:	http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting
For archived press conference footage contact:	broadcasting@aph.gov.au

For interview:

Contact the Committee Chair, Ms Catherine King MP on (02) 6277 4230 (Canberra) or in her electorate on (03) 5338 8123. Or Ms King’s media adviser, Brendan Gullifer, on 0409 855 946.

For background information, including the full terms of reference, please visit the inquiry website notes above or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 2358.