



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe)

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MEDIA RELEASE

Inquiry into religious exemptions for the wearing of helmets

The Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety is inquiring into religious exemptions for the wearing of helmets.

"This inquiry will consider the risks and benefits of providing members of the Sikh community with an exemption from mandatory helmet requirements, and will also look into how we can support safe participation in active transport by members of the Sikh community." said Committee Chair, Greg Warren MP.

"The Committee has responsibility for ensuring that any potential changes to the road rules do not endanger road users and are in the best interests of road safety. However, we understand that the road rules may impact NSW communities, including the Sikh community, differently. That is why it is important for us to hear from the communities that are directly affected, and from road safety experts, first responders and health professionals, to ensure that the right balance of enabling participation and safety is being struck."

More information, including the inquiry's terms of reference and how to make a submission, can be found on the Committee's [webpage](#).

Submissions to the inquiry close on Friday, 1 November 2024.

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