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INQUIRY INTO YOUNG DRIVER SAFETY & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PUBLIC HEARING

The Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe) is holding its final public hearing in Committee Room 814-815 at Parliament House, Macquarie Street on Monday 23 June 2008. The Committee will take evidence from Dr Soames Job, Acting Director, Centre for Road Safety, thereby concluding its series of public hearings in connection with the inquiry into Young Driver Safety and Education Programs.

This public hearing follows previous hearings conducted in Sydney and Port Macquarie, where evidence was taken from major groups and organisations who had made written submissions to the inquiry. The earlier hearings canvassed a range of issues including young driver education, the effectiveness of the graduated licensing system, differences between rural and urban driving environments and the operation of current driver testing regimes.

"The Committee has already taken much valuable evidence and useful material to enable us to formulate practical conclusions and recommendations to improve current arrangements for young drivers in NSW", the Committee Chair Geoff Corrigan MP said. "The final evidence to be taken at the next public hearing will allow the Committee to test its ideas with a senior official of the Roads and Traffic Authority to assist in developing and refining our recommendations for 'best practice' in this important area of government policy."

Further information can be obtained by visiting the Committee website at <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/staysafe> or by contacting Mr Geoff Corrigan, Chair on (02) 4655 3333 or Mr Bjarne Nordin, Senior Committee Officer on (02) 9230 2843.

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