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Adequacy of driver training to be examined at road toll inquiry hearing

On Tuesday 21 July 2020, the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee will speak with driver training and automotive organisations at a public hearing on the increase in Victoria’s road toll.

The hearing will be broadcast live on the Victorian Parliament’s [website](#) from 9:30 am to 3:15 pm.

The Australian Driver Training Association, Driveschool Enterprises and the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries will be among those presenting, along with the Darebin Information, Volunteer & Resource Service and the City of Melbourne’s transport planning team leader. The schedule is available from the Committee’s [website](#).

“Submissions received to the inquiry indicate that human error is a major factor in road fatalities, with calls for better driver training,” Committee Chair Enver Erdogan said.

“At this hearing we are keen to find out more about the adequacy of existing driver training requirements,” Mr Erdogan said.

“We also want to hear about ways in which vehicle technologies can help minimise driver distraction.”

The Committee has received 141 [submissions](#) to the inquiry, which was prompted by last year’s increase in lives lost on Victorian roads.

Among the issues being considered by the inquiry are the adequacy and scope of drug and alcohol testing, as well as current speed enforcement measures and speed management policies.

Other issues being examined include measures to improve the affordability of new vehicles with driver assist technology. The Committee will also look at current road standards and road maintenance.

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