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First public hearing on increase in Victoria’s road toll

On Tuesday 7 July 2020, the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee will commence public hearings for its inquiry into the increase in Victoria’s road toll.

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

The RACV, Victorian Motorcycle Council, Victorian Transport Association, personal injury lawyers and road safety researchers will be among those presenting at the hearing. The schedule is available from the Committee’s [website](#).

“Each life lost on our roads affects so many people. It’s vital that we examine why there has been a recent increase in the number of deaths on our roads and what can be done to turn this trend around,” Committee Chair Enver Erdogan said.

“The organisations presenting at our first hearing all have years of experience in dealing with road safety issues. We will be exploring with them their suggestions for future actions that can be taken to help prevent further deaths on our roads,” Mr Erdogan said.

The Committee has received more than 100 [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. Distractions while driving, such as smart phone use, are a factor in road accidents, so the Committee will also be exploring what can be done, including through technology, to address this problem.

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

A further public hearing is scheduled for 21 July.

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