

**Inquiry into vehicle safety,  
standards and technology, including  
engine immobiliser technology –  
Interim report**

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**Transport and Resources Committee**  
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## **Transport and Resources Committee**

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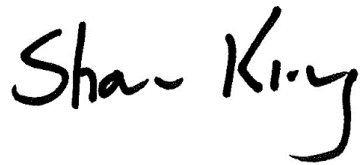
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## Chair's foreword

During the course of the committee's inquiry it has received a substantial amount of evidence and has continued to receive additional information from stakeholders over the last few weeks. In order to fully examine and consider all of this evidence the committee is seeking an extension of time to finalise its report.

Due to the Legislative Assembly agreeing to the original reporting date, the committee is tabling this interim report in order to comply with that reporting date.

The committee appreciates all of the time and effort stakeholders have put into providing information to the committee and the additional time will enable the committee to fully consider this evidence before it agrees on what recommendations to make to government.

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Shane King MP  
Chair



## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Role of the committee

The Transport and Resources Committee (committee) is a portfolio committee of the Legislative Assembly which commenced on 26 November 2020 under the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly.<sup>1</sup>

The committee's primary areas of responsibility are:

- Transport and Main Roads
- Energy, Renewables, Hydrogen, Public Works and Procurement
- Resources.

### 1.2 Inquiry referral and terms of reference

On Wednesday 24 February 2021 the Legislative Assembly agreed to a motion that the Transport and Resources Committee inquire and report on vehicle safety, standards and technology, including engine immobiliser technology. The committee was required to report to the Legislative Assembly by 24 August 2021.

The terms of reference are that the committee will inquire into and report on:

1. Options to reduce or prevent vehicles being used illegally or dangerously on Queensland roads, including vehicle engine immobilisation technology, non-technology options, operational considerations or other measures;
2. Lessons learned from other jurisdictions, particularly regarding the implementation of vehicle engine immobilisation technology to the existing vehicle fleet;
3. The Commonwealth's role in relation to vehicle standards and safety, and measures the Commonwealth could take, including requiring all new vehicles to be fitted with remote engine immobilisation technology;
4. The effectiveness of any proposed measures in improving road safety, preventing crime and assisting police in operational matters;
5. A recommended framework for legislative, policy and operational implementation of any proposed measures;
6. The benefit to and role of insurers in supporting any recommended measures;
7. Options to improve vehicle standards and safety in Queensland, including in relation to the:
  - a. current Australian vehicle design rules;
  - b. inspection regime for registered vehicles;
  - c. pre-sale certification scheme, including measures to reduce fraud and improve consumer safety;
  - d. management of written-off vehicles and 're-birthing';
  - e. after-market vehicle modification framework, including achieving consistency to ensure best alignment with other Australian jurisdictions.

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<sup>1</sup> *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 88 and Standing Order 194.

### **1.3 Inquiry process**

On 3 March 2021, the committee invited stakeholders and subscribers to make written submissions addressing any or all of the terms of reference. Submissions closed on 15 April 2021. The committee received a number of requests for extensions, which were agreed to. The committee also wrote to the Premier seeking a whole-of-government submission. 32 submissions were received, including a submission from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) on behalf of the whole-of-government.

The committee received a public briefing from DTMR and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) on 22 March 2021. A transcript is published on the committee's web page. The committee also received a further briefing from DTMR and QPS on 14 June 2021.

The committee held public hearings on 10 May 2021, 24 May 2021 and 14 June 2021. The committee also received responses to questions on notice taken at the hearings. The committee also wrote to various stakeholders seeking additional written information.

The submissions, correspondence, tabled papers and transcripts of the briefing and hearings are available on the committee's webpage.

## **2 Extension to reporting date**

As identified above, the committee has undertaken extensive consultation on the wide ranging terms of reference. It has received extensive submissions and sought and received additional written information from stakeholders.

In view of the volume of evidence received, the committee has resolved to seek an extension of time on the reporting date to enable it complete the task of finalising its report.

The committee therefore requests that the Parliament consider amending the reporting date to 24 September 2021.