

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Time To Get Serious About Technology In Road Safety**

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) says the [report](#) of the Inquiry into the National Road Safety Strategy today lends further weight to the organisation's consistent call for mandatory use of telematics in heavy vehicles.

"ALC is pleased that the report recommends that the Federal Government pursue rapid deployment and accelerated uptake of proven vehicle safety technologies and innovation," said ALC Interim CEO, Lachlan Benson, who attended the release of the report at Parliament House this morning.

"We similarly welcome the recommendation to establish a Federal road safety entity to report to a Cabinet-level Minister with responsibility for national road safety, which will help drive more consistent national outcomes in this area."

"Last week's [2018 ALC & ATA Supply Chain Safety & Compliance Summit](#) heard from numerous experts and industry practitioners about the way new technologies including auto-emergency braking (AEB), lane departure warning (LDW) and in-vehicle cameras are improving safety."

"ALC believes now is the ideal time to build on those outcomes by mandating the use of telematics in heavy vehicles, to combat speed and fatigue issues, and allow industry participants and governments to plan safety initiatives and infrastructure including heavy vehicle rest areas more effectively."

"We welcome the fact there is momentum building for the introduction of telematics and a heavy vehicle accreditation scheme, as evidenced in a recent [speech](#) by National Transport Commission Chief Executive Paul Retter setting out priority areas for the review of the Heavy Vehicle National Law."

"These items are both consistent with the views ALC set out in [Improving Heavy Vehicle Safety The Australian Way](#)."

"The report released today specifically notes that any delay in mandating proven safety technologies in Australian vehicles *"is costing lives now and will continue to do so."*

"Conversations about mandatory use of telematics in heavy vehicles have gone on for long enough. It is time for governments at all levels to grasp the nettle and implement this much-needed reform, in the interests of saving lives."

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