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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ROAD SAFETY

Report

Being a report that the Committee has
been unable to complete its Inquiry

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* On 4 October 1977, Mr B. Cohen, M.P. resigned from the Committee and was replaced by Mr P. F. Morris.

** On 2 June 1977, Mr J. R. Short, M.P. resigned from the Committee and was replaced by Mr R. J. Groom, M.P.

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1. On 17 March 1976 the Committee was appointed by resolution of the House to inquire into and report on:

- (a) the main causes of the present high level of the road toll in Australia;
- (b) the most effective means of achieving greater road safety in Australia;
- (c) the particular aspects of the problem to which those concerned with road safety could most advantageously direct their efforts; and
- (d) the economic cost to the community of road accidents in Australia in terms of:
 - (i) material damage;
 - (ii) loss of man-hours and earning capacity; and
 - (iii) cost of treatment of accident victims.

These terms of reference are identical with those of the Standing Committee on Road Safety established in the Twenty-ninth Parliament and with the terms of reference of the Select Committees of the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Parliaments.

2. Since its appointment the Committee has presented two reports to Parliament, namely reports on Passenger Motor Vehicle Safety and Heavy Vehicle Safety. The Committee is at present conducting an Inquiry into Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety. This Inquiry was advertised and 178 submissions have been received.

3. In connection with this Inquiry, the Committee has held one *in-camera* hearing, nine public hearings and nine private meetings. Over 1800 pages of evidence and many Exhibits have been taken from the ninety-three witnesses who have appeared before the Committee. The Committee has also conducted three inspections.

4. The Committee had planned to complete its program of public hearings and inspections in Perth and Adelaide on 28-29 November 1977. It was the Committee's intention to table a Report on the Inquiry in Parliament early next year.

5. In view of the amount of work already done by the Committee, and the widespread community interest in road safety matters, it is recommended that the Committee be reconstituted by the new Parliament. It is further recommended that the new Committee be empowered to consider and make use of the records of the present Committee in order that matters under consideration can be completed.

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Chairman

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