

Inquest into the death of Janet Louise Young

Janet Louise Young died from multiple injuries as a result of a traffic accident on 10 May 2006. A semitrailer, loaded with bricks, rolled over as it turned through a 90 degree bend in the road and collided with Ms Young's vehicle.

Coroner John Lock delivered his findings of inquest on 23 January 2008

The Queensland Government responds to recommendations directed to government agencies at inquests by informing the community if a recommendation will be implemented or the reason why a recommendation is not supported. Further information relating the implementation of recommendations can be obtained from the responsible agency named in the response.

Recommendation 2

Queensland Transport investigates the electronic stability program systems and if regarded as suitable and viable, take up with the industry and the National Transport Commission its more widespread use.

Response and action: the recommendation is implemented.

Responsible agency: Department of Transport and Main Roads.

On 22 September 2015, the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply responded:

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) implemented the coroner's recommendation by investigating electronic stability program systems and their viability in the transport industry.

TMR is a participating member of the Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board and the Technical Liaison Group which are bodies involved in the development and implementation of mandatory Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and Roll Stability Control (RSC) systems on heavy vehicles. Through these bodies, TMR continues to be actively involved in seeing that these important safety technologies are mandated nationally in an expeditious way.

Mandating ESC on heavy vehicles (trucks and trailers) is included in the *National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020*. Additionally, the work program for Australian Design Rule (ADR) development includes introducing revised ADR 35 (for trucks) and ADR 38 (for trailers) to mandate ESC and RSC systems on heavy vehicles. It was decided that the technical requirements will be based on the well-established international standard '*United Nation's Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No. 13 (UN ECE R 13)*'. Consultation with the heavy vehicle and transport industry has been conducted to gather information on service conditions and Australia specific design requirements.

TMR will continue to participate in the Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board and the Technical Liaison Group work programs. The current timeline for progressive but mandatory fitting of these safety features on new model and current model new vehicles is 2015-17.