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The Hon. Melinda Pavey, MP
Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister,

I write to draw your attention to the critical issue of community safety on the State's roads.

The explosion in heavy vehicle accidents in NSW this year tragically corresponds with the NSW Government's decision not to fill a significant number of Heavy Vehicle Safety Inspector positions.

There are 34 fewer Heavy Vehicle Safety Inspectors now than there were at the same time last year, approximately a 15% reduction of total workforce.

The decision to trim the number of Inspectors has been taken in incremental steps by the NSW Government since 2013.

The PSA warned your predecessor of the perils of this situation, but nothing was done.

The result is that truck companies are now very much aware that if a vehicle is not up to scratch it will probably go undetected until there is a major accident, which have been all too horrifically common of late.

The PSA is also aware that the NSW Government is looking to divest these inspecting responsibilities to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, a situation, the Association believes, will result in reduced safety outcomes for the people of NSW.

I am seeking an undertaking from you that these jobs will remain in the NSW public sector and also your assistance in not only filling these vital vacant positions, but expanding this critical service.

I therefore request an urgent meeting with you to discuss these issues and resolve the situation for the safety and welfare of all road users in NSW.

Please contact PSA Executive Assistant Sandra Lockey on 9220 982 to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY