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Stay Safe on NSW Roads This Queen's Birthday Long Weekend

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin has encouraged motorists to take care on the state's roads during the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

"I urge all motorists to follow the road rules this long weekend – slow down, take a rest and don't touch your mobile phone," Mr Aplin said.

"Crash rates go up during holiday periods, that is why the community should expect to see more police out on the roads and remember double demerits will be in place."

Minister for Police Troy Grant said that while long weekends are a great opportunity to get away with family or friends, we want everyone to arrive safely at their destination.

"With higher traffic volumes, poor weather and people driving in unfamiliar environments, there is an increased risk on our roads," Mr Grant said.

"Operation Stay Alert will see NSW Police cracking down on dangerous drivers this long weekend."

Double demerits will apply from Friday 8 June until Monday 11 June 2018.

Friday 8 June is a publicly notified school day and therefore an extra demerit point will be issued for some offences committed in a school zone.

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey said 153 people have died on the State's roads so far this year.

"I urge everyone to drive safe and help keep the road toll at zero this long weekend," Mrs Pavey said.

To stay safe:

- Plan your route and rest stops along the way
- Drive to traffic conditions, stick to speed limits and state laws
- Be aware of signs of fatigue
- Have a Plan B if you intend to drink alcohol
- Always wear a seat belt.

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