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L-PLATERS WIN FROM LOGBOOK FUTURE

L-Plater logbooks are set for the scrapheap, with a new trial aimed at bringing learner driver logbooks into the 21st century.

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey today announced a landmark NSW trial for 100 Western Sydney and regional NSW learner drivers to test out the move from paper to smartphones.

L-Platers will be able to trial four apps – Licence Ready, Learner Journey, Ezy Log and L2P – over a six-week period to let the NSW government know how effective they are.

“It is about time we brought the logbook experience into the 21st century. Parents and kids are sick of having to manually write in 120 hours of driving practice,” Ms Pavey said.

“New innovations to make life easier are being developed every day, and it’s important that government doesn’t stand in the way when it comes to harnessing technology to deliver better products and services for NSW customers.

“The apps have been designed so that they don’t distract new drivers or their supervisors, and comply with all applicable road rules relating to the use of mobile phones in vehicles.”

Mr Constance said the apps were the result of the Future Transport Initiative designed at making transport a technology business, and are designed to streamline the learning process while keeping drivers safe.

“This is the next exciting step towards creating better, tech-based solutions for customers by working closely with the brightest minds in the technology community,” Mr Constance said.

“Parents and drivers who sign up for this trial will have the rare opportunity to help shape the way learner drivers use log books in the future.”

Registrations to become a tester for one of four apps is on a first-come-first serve basis at the Castle Hill and Maitland Service NSW centres from today.

All participants get a free Safer Drivers Course, worth $140 each and 20 hours towards their 120 hours of driving practice.

Transport for NSW will review feedback from the trial, and successful apps are expected to be rolled out more widely later this year.