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FUTURE TRANSPORT: NEW APP SET TO REVOLUTIONISE LEARNING TO DRIVE

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay today announced he was calling on the innovative community to develop new app solutions to replace paper learner driver log books.

The announcement was made at today's 'Future Transport' summit – a two day event in Sydney to harness innovation and hear from the world's brightest tech minds about new technologies and trends to improve transport in NSW.

"The paper learner log book system has been around for 16 years. Ask any learner or parent – it's time for the system to tap into new technology and move forward to the digital age," Mr Gay said.

"The current archaic system needs to catch up with the world we live in.

"We want to ensure learner drivers, supervisors and instructors can focus on the important task of acquiring the skills and experience to become safe drivers."

The NSW Government will be calling on innovative start-up organisations to put together a creative pitch to transform learner log books.

"By engaging the brightest technology minds we hope to see some out of the box solutions, providing the best possible new digital learner driver log book, while ensuring the safety of learner drivers is maintained," Mr Gay said.

The apps will need to digitally capture the information required in today's paper based log books, removing the need for ongoing calculations.

The apps also need to be designed so as to not distract learner drivers or their supervisors and ensure learners abide by all applicable road rules relating to the use of mobile phones in vehicles. Learner drivers are not permitted to use their mobile phones whilst in a vehicle.

Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Service will work with the chosen start-ups to deliver the new apps later this year.