

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into the Increase in Victoria's Road Toll

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I am a motorcyclist 67 years of age. I started riding at 14 on a home made mini-bike. I do not drive cars and do not have a licence to do so. Driving standards are woeful, with poor behaviour the increasing norm. Mobile phone use, tailgating, running red lights, non use of indicators, faulty brakelights, failure to give-way, etc.. I see these and more every day on a ten minute trip to my local shopping centre. It reflects a poor attitude that goes back to the training to get a licence. Authorised instructors and the school of mum and dad are not getting the job done properly. VicRoads standards need examining. The state of the roads is dangerous, we seem to have lost knowledge of how to build them to last and be "fit for purpose". The VAGO Road Safety Report was alarming, VicRoads and TAC need to be put under the most rigorous scrutiny. Past enquiries have highlighted the inadequacies of data collection even recommending the establishing of an independent body to do so. It hasn't happened, why not? Who stops it and why? Wire-rope barriers are at arms length from traffic, how is that "safe"? No room to pull over for a breakdown or for police to intercept a law breaker or emergency vehicles or even workers to repair the barriers. How is this meeting the obligation of the states' duty of care to all road users, and their own employees and contractors? VicRoads ignore their own guidelines for the installation of wire-rope barriers. Why? Is it because of the cost over runs that they skimp on adequate emergency lanes? Is it because there is corruption? Is it just gross incompetence by planners, installers, those with oversight of projects, etc.? The roads are more dangerous than they need be, Why? I wish the enquiry well in it's endeavours

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