

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

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The road toll in this state is actually rather low and if you take out accidents caused by drug drivers then it is extremely low. I am a tradesman who spends every day on the road in peak hour and all other times of the day.

There are 2 things that stand out to most people about the state of our roads.

1. The standard of drivers in this state is deplorable. People cannot do basic things like zip merge, turn left from the left hand lane, move through a roundabout and drive in the rain.
2. The amount of drug driving happening in this state is disgraceful.

The first one I think the standard of the license test needs to be lifted. At the moment if you can drive around the block without going over 50kph you can have a license. That is not good enough. That might have been fine 40 years ago when my parents got their license but the roads are 10 times busier now. The test needs to be a more thorough test of which competence is not the level required to pass.

My wife got her license 16 years ago. To be honest I wouldn't even get in the car with her. She was competent enough to get her license but had no driving skills.

Now onto the Drugs. It is a disgrace that drug drivers who kill are not charged with murder. If the law doesn't allow it then make it happen. Families are sick of burying their loved ones while dead shit druggies get off with light sentences.

Thank you for listening to me