

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

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Im 67, was involved in transport for about 30yrs, have a diploma in OH&S, been ex volly firfighter 16yrs, a qualified cook as well. I had to park up at 58, cant drive at all now, eyesight. In my opinion driver license to easy to obtain, young drivers not taght any basic mechanics, how to control a vehicle properly, no first aid skills and parents who teach kids need to pass a driving test before they can teach.

Next, any person who tows a trailer needs to be trained and compodent in towing them, similar to truck licenses. All drivers need to do a compodency test every five years, an 18 yo driver is not tested again until there in their 70's. Truck license, you can have your HR, then get you HC and then 24hours later can get your MC with only driver training by providers, no experience necessary.

All drivers must be able to read and write basic English, not being able to get a license in different languages. All goods carrying vehicles over 1 tonne need a roadworthy every 12mths, as is buses and heavy trucks. Same as cars over 15syo.

Penaltys for serious and repeat offenders need to be increased a well as double demirit point on public holidays etc, and judges and magistrates to enforce laws not let off because of some weak excuse.

Training facilities need to be established so school students start road safety at kindy and progress through the years in area where they are taght from pedal cars, push bikes to being able to drive a car from 14yo until they get a license, In Kew govt had one when i was at school in 60's.

In the vast majority of cases, accidents can be prevented by using the heirarcy of control, otherwise they they are crashes caused by inattention, distraction, impatience, edecation is far cheaper than road trauma, death, and billions cost in medical and insurance claims.

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