

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

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#### **SUBMISSION CONTENT:**

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Australian Road Rules and signage must consistent and safe for all. To many anomalies between States. e.g. Qld cannot do a U-turn unless signed.

LOOPHOLE with driving licence

- must be changed everyone should have to do minimum 120 hours regardless of age (issue raised by parents including me at TAC forum in Geelong August 2019). I am finding out more and more young people are avoiding getting their L PLATES and doing their minimum hours.
- competency levels automatic vs manual

DRIVER EDUCATION and TRAINING - STARTING IN PRE-SCHOOL, to increase awareness and based on competency levels. Improve access for all members of our community. Provision of bike education tracks at all levels of education and cars for secondary schools. Not everyone has an experienced driver and a safe vehicle available for training purposes. The country vs city driver, totally different experiences. Should be compulsory to be a passenger in various vehicles for at least 2 hours each, to understand the capacity and stopping times.

Should be additional training to tow a trailer or caravan. A family member has had a first-hand experience with a family of four who travelled in their sedan towing a caravan for the first time from Melbourne. Stayed overnight in Geelong and were going to Apollo Bay via the inland route. Ran out of fuel 6kms from Birregurra. And stopped for help on the Cape Otway Road, they didn't want to leave the bitumen. After they had gone to Apollo Bay, they planned to travel via the Great Ocean Road to Warrnambool. This is dangerous and should be avoided.

GREAT OCEAN ROAD - Access should have continuous public buses that travel from Geelong to Warrnambool and return every day on the same timetable. Or via an inland route. Check out the current timetable from V/line for this trip, it is disgraceful.

This is a long-standing major problem that is only escalating with time.

GOOGLE MAPS - Another huge contributing factor that cannot be controlled. RRV staff have no ability to contact Google directly with a problem. I have tried for years with our closed road to no avail.

REST STOPS

Need to be safe and consistent. First-hand experience with VicRoads controlled facilities are a health hazard, as to

are some fuel stations. It should be mandatory that fuel outlets provide 24/7 public toilets. 1 in 4 women suffer from urinary incontinence!

Massive tangible benefits with maintaining DRIVER REVIVER stops. Colac's has been going over 30 years a community institution and one we are very proud to have.

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