

Apart from major implementations such as ongoing highway furniture installation, wire barriers etc. and telephone use control which I am sure that you have as a priority, most other initiatives would be what is known, especially in the sporting world as 1 percenters. My input is one of these, but it is a one percentage that could save many lives.

Many years ago I saw Professor Julius Sumner Miller expouse that Blue light is seen from a greater distance than red light and that brake and or tail lights on vehicles should be Blue. This went down like a lead Zeppelin and pobably rightfully so considering the enormity of required change.

I suggest that brake lights when brakes are applied should be visible from the front of a braking vehicle. Keen observation with good eyesight of an approaching vehicle can detect the bonnet/front end dip on a vehicle braking when observed front on. Not all people have awareness or ability to see this.

I also suggest that these brake lights be Blue to distinguish them from vision of rear applied brakes. The effort, design and cost by Auto manufacturers to install such lights would be minimal and retro fitting to existing vehicles the same.

I read some years ago of a mother and child in a pram being killed on a pedestrian crossing when a vehicle failed to stop. This mother and child may have been saved if she had simple practical vision that this vehicle was not stopping.

Two years ago a friend of mine was killed out in Wantirna, [REDACTED] stepped onto a pedestrian crossing a car had given her right of way a following vehicle ploughed into the back of the stationary vehicle pushing it over [REDACTED] and killing her. If [REDACTED] was able to observe that the approaching second vehicles front brake lights were not activated perhaps the tragic outcome may have been different. You will have extensive records of this tragedy.

I have been a professional driver, taxis, in Melbourne clocking up well over a 3 million km. of driving. On several occasions when executing a right hand turn vehicles ran red lights coming from the opposite direction, you learnt as a professional driver to watch for the dip of the bonnet of the oncoming vehicle before making your turn.

How many people have been killed or injured in such circumstances because they are not empowered with some simple technology as suggested. YOU WILL HAVE THE STATS ON THIS.

Victoria was world leading on road safety issues before, seat belts etc. It is time for this to happen again by legislating the above vehicle modification.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this suggestion.

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