

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



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I think the current approach is barking up the wrong tree. Something which no one talks about is the level of driver concentration. I'm talking about mental distraction. I'm a professional driver for over 30 years, and have not had an at fault accident since 1986. The biggest problem by far is drivers who are not only driving when behind the wheel. Drivers minds are not on driving. Most drivers are distracted by some of the following; listening to music and worse when singing along. Listening to talk back radio. Thinking about work whilst driving. Thinking about dinner or planning the next holiday. Anything which takes your mind away from driving is dangerous. In this situation drivers are looking but not watching. They see what happens right in front of them. When or if anything happens which is a few cars in front or around them they will not react in time to avoid an accident. When drivers are in this state they are fine for most of the time, because it's easy to driver here compared to many other countries, but as soon as something happens there's an accident. The reasons why this is the case with drivers are; bad driver education/training most drivers have insurance which gives them a false sense of security, most cars are automatic so you're not involved with the car as in a manual car, our roads are generally good, the traffic lights are creating dumb drivers because on most intersections all they have to do is look for green or red, no thinking. You want this to change, the main thing the main thing to concentrate on is driver education. Somehow drivers need to think about driving when driving most of the time.

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