The Executive Officer  
Law Reform, Road & Community Safety Committee  
Parliament House  
Spring St  
East Melbourne Vic 3002

Dear Sir/Madam, I wish to express my concerns regarding the “established speed limits” on several roads on Phillip Island. My concerns relate to the appallingly high numbers of wildlife road kill taking place on the island, and I believe that reducing speed limits would have a positive impact in reducing the animal and bird kill numbers. Some of the species affected include wallabies, echidnas, possums, cape baron geese, purple hens and many other bird variety’s including shear waters at fledging time. I didn’t mention koala’s as they have virtually disappeared from the wild down here, in part due to road kill.

Not only is the protection of the wild life my concern but I also wonder what lasting impression is left with overseas visitors and tourists when they witness bloody and mutilated carcasses on our roads.

I don’t wish to appear cynical but it seems to me that that because the animals/birds/reptiles affected are not regarded as tourist attractions, ie not attracting dollars, their demise is of little concern to government at all levels.

By reducing 100k speeds to 80k, 80k limits to 60k I venture to say this would add little more than three minutes to the total of any distance that can be travelled on the island. A small price for impatient drivers to suffer if the speed reductions help to reduce the animal carnage.

Should your committee consider my concerns worthy of further investigation I am most willing to provide photographs and more detailed information, even on site inspections and evaluations.

I await your response

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