



Doug Parkinson, MLC

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Plea For Extra Care On Roads Over Easter

A plea for extra care on Tasmanian roads over the Easter break was made today by the chairman of the Tasmanian Road Safety Council, Doug Parkinson MLC.

“Traffic on the state’s roads is likely to be heavy this long weekend, and extra care will be needed by all travellers - especially those who may have recently obtained their provisional or full licences.

“Young people tempted to exceed the speed limit or to mix alcohol with driving should think twice - especially if they are responsible for the safety of several passengers. “Stopping for a rest break on the journey is often a good idea.

“The weather too will play a factor this weekend and I urge motorists to drive to the conditions.”

Mr Parkinson said there was no single factor behind the tragedy of death and injury on the roads, but to ignore the human factor was to ignore the blindingly obvious.

“It is clear from any analysis of the 2005 statistics that speed, inattention and drink driving – either singly or in combination – continue to be dominant factors in most road crashes,” he said.

"In other words, if we could change these aspects of driver attitude and behaviour for the better, the road toll would drop dramatically.

"So please, this Easter, if you're travelling the State's roads, enjoy your holiday, but play it safe. Remember to drive at a safe speed, don't drink and drive, be aware of others using our roads and show them the courtesy you expect from others," Mr Parkinson said.

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