

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE
Rural Roads Speed Limits

Dear Sir / Madam,

Having driven on many of our Australian roads both tar & dirt, in every state & territory plus England, USA & Canada, I feel that my opinion is reasonably realistic.

I am 65 yrs old with zero (as yet) traffic infringements.

If there are several different speed limits for the same sort of rural roads, you therefore cause confusion, which is not necessary or warranted, especially for our more mature drivers, who very rarely would be driving at 100 anyway.

Everyone is aware that just because a speed limit is say 100 that it is not a requirement to actually travel at that speed.

By introducing a 90 restriction you will once again, be causing the majority to conform to try & contain the minority.

It is not necessary to introduce a 90 speed limit, just to try & slow down the idiot element, that won't obey the rules anyway, by this I mean excess speed / drugs / drink driving / unregistered / uninsured etc; in other words the ones most likely to cause an accident.

If you wish to contain that element, you should be much more realistic with the punishment area, especially so with any repeat occurrence.

In actual fact it is my belief that the fines & punishments are really about 25% of what is required to cause some effect to thick heads – remembering that most of these people are dumb in one way or another, or there would be no problem in the first place.

Why not stand up, be strong & introduce mandatory sentencing?

There is one thing that I have found to be a fantastic help with all roads but especially rural roads in Canada & USA, that is, all their roads have the Centre Line a Bright Yellow, all other lines are white. Therefore you always know where you are on the road because of the yellow line.

I seem to remember we did trial it many years back, but why don't we have it now? There are some yellow lines in the Kosciuszko area BUT all the lines are yellow, & that's no good as there is no distinction.

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The Members legislative Council.

While I am at it the other areas that have ridiculous punishments;

Are POACHING.

This is when you have an illegal person carrying a high-powered loaded firearm with intention of firing it, on private property that he / she has absolutely no permission to be on.

It's time you did something about TRESPASS as well.

Surely it is time the members of our parliament gave the land owners a reasonable bit of assistance by multiplying the existing fines by 10 times, (this wouldn't hurt the state coffers either) confiscating all the perpetrators weapons & the vehicle that he / she is traveling in, (unless proven stolen) & crush it, & their guns, with a loss of gun license for 10 years. Second time life.

And HOONING.

Surely you are aware that to have your car impounded is a badge of respect with these people. They are dangerous driving! That is intent to kill, is it not? . The punishment is not sufficient!

They should be made to work in an old peoples home for ten weekends, scrubbing floors.

Second time crush their car, (unless proven stolen)

Letting them buy it back, is just giving them back their badge, it has to be crushed.

Then there is the issue of FARES ON THE SPIRIT, I today, have booked a return crossing for next year (in the off season both ways) for my wife & I plus 15 Mtr. car & Caravan, I had to pay \$2122 & that's with a special & online, otherwise it would be another \$60. No wonder only 3 of our club members are coming over this summer. So much for our, so called, highway to Melbourne.

May I suggest, be productive pass some gutsy laws!

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