



Legislative Council Select Committee

Media Advisory

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Final Report:

- **Inquiry into Road Safety in Tasmania**

The Legislative Council Select Committee tabled the Final Report of its inquiry into Road Safety in Tasmania.

The Committee received 94 submissions and undertook three public hearings from a broad cross section of the community to assist in its inquiry into, and report upon, ways to improve road safety in Tasmania.

The Committee noted that whilst on average 300 people die or are seriously injured on Tasmanian roads annually, 2022 has proved to date to be the worst year for road deaths in a decade. Tasmania has the worst road safety record in Australia (excluding the territories) with 6.6 deaths per 100,000 population: more than double the best-performing state of Victoria which has 3.17 deaths per 100,000.

The Committee made 94 findings and 49 overarching recommendations around road safety governance, road safety management, safer roads and mobility, safer vehicles, safer road users, post-crash responses and other road safety related matters. Some of the recommendations to Government in no particular order of priority include (but not limited to):

- consider investigating a mechanism for mandatory road safety audits to be undertaken around all road accidents involving a fatality and/or serious injury
- allocate the revenue collected from road safety enforcement to road safety improvements
- consider an increase to the State road maintenance budget in line with peak Tasmanian road safety stakeholders' recommendations
- consider increasing compliance to vehicle road worthiness with the view of reducing unsafe vehicles on Tasmanian roads
- consider re-establishing a dedicated centralised traffic enforcement command for Tasmania Police to increase their efforts of effectively policing road rules
- consider investigating improved safety around school crossings including the feasibility of body cameras to School Crossing Patrol Officers

- redouble its road safety messaging at State entry points to improve road safety on Tasmanian roads, and
- increase the share of the Heavy Vehicle Motor Taxes pool to local government.

It is sincerely hoped that the Report's recommendations, on behalf of the community, are supported and actioned by the Government and other responsible parties: the improvements to road safety matters combined is envisaged over time to reduce road trauma in Tasmania.

The Committee thanks all individuals and organisations who participated in the Inquiry for their time, effort and patience in making submissions and providing information during public hearings.

Members of the Committee at the time of the Report's completion were:

Hon Rosemary Armitage MLC (Inquiry Chair)

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Hon Josh Willie MLC

A copy of the tabled report is available on the [Committee website](#).

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