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ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
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Mr Tom Wise  
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Dear Mr Wise

The Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC) provides leadership in developing the road safety policy agenda for Tasmania, with the objective of reducing death and serious injuries on Tasmania's roads.

The Council is comprised of key stakeholders including representatives from the RACT, Tasmania Police, the Department of Infrastructure, Motor Accident Insurance Board, Monash University Accident Research Centre, Local Government Association of Tasmania, Tasmanian Motorcycle Council and the Tasmanian Bicycle Council.

The Council oversees the Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy, its Action Plans and expenditure of the Road Safety Levy. Development of road safety initiatives is based on best practice and an evidence-based approach to policy development.

The RSAC was heavily involved in the recommendation to reduce the rural default speed limit, subsequent community consultation, development of independent road assessment criteria and strongly supports the Safer Roads: Non-Urban Road Network Strategy.

I firmly believe that as policy makers we must make strong decisions to benefit the community. Lowering the speed limit on those non-urban roads that cannot safely maintain a 100km/h speed limit has the potential to save more than 100 Tasmanians from being killed or seriously injured on our roads in the next six years.

As Chair of the Road Safety Advisory Council, I would welcome the opportunity to address the Select Committee in support of this worthwhile initiative.

Yours sincerely

John Gledhill  
CHAIR

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