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Subject: Rural road speeds.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opinion that **educating** young people in **early High School, to drive to the conditions, is the best way.**

Letting young people have access to driver education and defensive driving skills, maybe government subsidized, might be good for some people to experience.

Just because the road **limit** is 100 kms per hour, **does not mean the road is safe to drive at 100 kms per hour.. ALL the time!** Commonsense should prevail.

If it is raining, windy, gravel, pot holes, lots of traffic, foggy, dark or at dusk, etc. the conditions will affect the driving speed. ALWAYS drive defensively and be aware of the many things that could occur.

To leave home with **plenty of time to spare is wise**, also to **keep your car in good driving condition** etc.

Hopefully in the future..smaller cars.. using **electric or hybrids** will be the norm in Tasmania, and maybe **rail will be up and running** again in the North, North West, North East and South to take some heavy vehicles off the roads, so they are in better condition.

Australians love their cars, but.. there are **many more cars and heavy vehicles on the road**, than when I was a young person.

Personally I think.. there are **enough road signs or too many in a short length of space**, at present, eg : 50 kms, 60 kms, 80 kms, 100 kms, 40 kms ..etc

Tourists also need to be advised that Tasmania's roads are different to the mainland, as we do not have the long stretches of **straight** highway here.

You do get used to travelling at 110 kms.. if you use the Heritage Highway frequently etc. And perhaps will travel faster on other roads as a result. I think ..100 kms limit is ok as is, mostly..but

I do not drive as much now my children have left home; I do notice some **decrease in response and observation now I am a bit older too.**

Some rural roads could be LIMIT of 90 kms per hour... in some spots, in my opinion, especially those with heavy vehicle use and bus routes.Who decides this, councils?

Sincerely, Katherine Crawford.

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