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Good Day Mr. Mills,

I have some comments to make about what I believe is needed to improve our ever present high road toll. The basic overall attitude of drivers needs to become more responsible, this will only happen when on road technology has greatly increased numbers, ten existing speed cameras is an extremely small number, I have read that four mobile ones will be placed around black spots which is a good start, hopefully not an end to it. We have the oldest car fleet in the country, what I find incredulous is that there is no mandatory annual vehicle safety inspections. Daily I see some with one brake and headlight. I was referred to the road safety council after writing to the last two relevant ministers about this and all they stated was they are thinking about cars that are seven years old and sold should be inspected, interstate all vehicles five years old are inspected, this would over time help create a safer vehicle fleet and more responsible owners. Most other states I believe have red light cameras, again the RSC are not interested in this. The last few years I have traveled once or twice a year from Bellerive to Devonport, I believe I have seen about three modern safety signs over the entire trip which could be a bit bigger to stand out more, there are a few old black and white old ones that are not very good. I have also noticed signs stating "are you tired, need a rest?" but they do not say where the rest area is, except for the St. Peters pass area, tourists would have a problem with this. Also there should be more of them. Recently I traveled to Devonport and back the day before that fatal crash at Exton Rd. near Deloraine, that and the one latter south of Campbelltown were both on single lane highways with no mid road barriers and 100-110 speed limits. It has been stated before that last double fatality since 2019 there were 4 fatalities and 9 serious crashes along the Bass highway. Tourists coming off the Spirit ferry could be tired plus it may be their first time on these roads, perhaps some signs mentioning the importance of rest brakes should be near where they leave the ferry. I strongly think that the speed limits on these deadly single lanes should be lowered to 80kph with flashing signs stating black spots, even if there are plans to replace them (there appears to be for the Bass highway section) I fervently hope that this areas will be replaced with double barrier lanes both ways, either though two lanes cost more the huge amount of trucks and cars on road must lead to the single sections wearing out like part of the Midlands is now doing even though that were remade 2-3 years ago. Yellow line markings stand out better in the night and when wet than white though years ago that paint cost more maybe it has changed now. One last thing about tailgaters perhaps if there were signs where two lanes merge to one stating the three second rule may reduce the number who regularly do it. I hope this has been helpful and am most grateful for what you are doing.

Kind Regards

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