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Having read your article in today's examiner I am prompted to make a suggestion. I live in Longford and travel regularly to Launceston.

From the big roundabout exiting Longford there are then 2 bridges. Speed here varies from 80 up to 100 to enter the new midlands highway at Perth. When bicycles are using the road, especially without lights, the road can be very dangerous to pass due to the narrowness of bridges. Also the road is of variable quality and often trucks and tractors using the road due to the Berry Farm.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021, there was yet a fifth accident where Pateena Road enters Illawarra Road. The person did not give way (Dash Cam footage). The accident was reported as minor. For whom. The injuries sustained by one of the ladies was enough to be in intensive care and as far as I know is still in hospital. Life changing!! I don't consider that minor at all.

If the speed was reduced to 80 all the way to the merging lane, and then 110kms, this might make it safer for all..

Also when exiting the New midlands by-pass, past the blue tree, the limit is 110... until merging at 100 with south bound traffic from Hobart. I consider this is too fast. Also the road rail between the merging traffic from Hobart makes it very difficult when in a sedan, to see small merging cars.

Thank you and interested to hear of any considerations. Yours faithfully Maureen Shadbolt.

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