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Subject: Fwd: Road Safety in Tasmania - Legislative Council Inquiry.
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Dear Mr Mills

I wish to make a correction to my previous email

Tasmania has the SECOND highest per capita road deaths in Australia

Regards

David

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2021, 10:48 am
Subject: Road Safety in Tasmania - Legislative Council Inquiry.
To: <rst@parliament.tas.gov.au>

Dear Mr Mills,

I wish to contribute to your road safety inquiry. Please accept the points I make in this email as a submission for your consideration.

The following statistics I believe are very pertinent to your inquiry :

- * Tasmania has the highest per capita road deaths in Australia.
- * According to RACT figures, cars that are 15 years or older are 4 times more likely to be involved in fatalities than cars five years old or younger.
- * Couple these two facts with the statistic that Tasmania has the oldest fleet of passenger vehicles, the connections are clear.

The solution ?

Introduce annual road-worthiness certificates (RWC) for cars over 5 years in age as in NSW, or at least follow the Victorian example where RWCs are required every time a used car is sold.

It is my belief that the disparity in safety performance between old and new cars will increase dramatically as car safety systems , such as collision avoidance, adaptive cruise control, and lane assist systems are being rapidly rolled out, even in mid-priced cars.

I am currently researching the impact of the new car safety systems as they relate to driver, passenger and pedestrian safety, and as a means of lowering road fatalities and serious injuries.

I would be happy to brief your committee on my findings. It is my belief that new electronic safety systems will have the beneficial effect of reducing the road-toll which is equivalent to the introduction of seat belts, or even more so.

Regards

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