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To
Mr Tim Mills
Inquiry Secretary
Parliament House Hobart

I am writing to you about the proposal to have an enquiry into road deaths in Tasmania.

I believe that the main causes of accidents that lead to death are:

People driving too fast for conditions.

Overtaking in unsafe locations

Tailgating also seems to be rife in Tasmania, people don't seem to take into account the distance needed to stop their cars in an emergency situation. Or that by tailgating they are preventing the car in front from being able to safely pull over to allow them to pass.

Not staying on their own side of the road (cutting corners is a major problem in Tasmania)
People driving on dirt roads at excessive speed and either in the centre of the road or dangerously cutting corners.

I have both a car and a motorcycle, my car is fitted with a dash camera.
I have quite a collection of footage of cars, trucks and motorcycles engaging in the behaviour I mention above.

I have on many occasions had to pull over into the gutter on my motorcycle on dirt roads, to avoid being hit by drivers coming the opposite direction who seem to work on the assumption that there will be no one else on that road.

Also cutting corners and crossing unbroken lines seems rife. My partner and I have had to brake plenty of times to avoid being hit by trucks (especially on the Sideling) who are traveling too fast to stay on their own side of the road.

I have footage of a couple of trucks doing this.

People seem to get in their cars and change into speed demons. They do not seem to think about others on the road, it all seems to be about getting to their destination as fast as possible.

Education on actual time saved by driving fast would help this situation. I once calculated that my 45 kilometre trip to work was only 5 minutes different in time travelling at 80 klm or 100klm.

Fortunately I took the slower speed, it saved my life on more than one occasion.

Thankyou for the work you do

Peter Godfrey