

Submission to the Legislative Council Select Committee Inquiry into Road Safety Tasmania
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Dear Councillors,

In 2021 there's an expectation of higher quality surfaced highways that provide ease of travel on major highway connectors. Allow me to highlight areas of concern in my community.

- Travelling from Deloraine to Devonport on Saturday August 14 from 10:15am was most unpleasant.

The speed limit was reduced to 80kph with numerous signs warning ROUGH SURFACE and TRAFFIC HAZARD to account for all the patchwork wear and tear. Then we approach Sassafras and further reduced to 40kph with no apparent reason why, no roadwork in progress. Heavy transporters carrying freight have obviously wrecked the surface.

It's time that our government bites the bullet and attends to these issues. Patchy bandaid jobs are frustrating, temporary fixes! So come on State Growth....live up to your name!! Another alternative is to bring back rail transport for our freight and get the trucks off the highways.

- The Perth bypass and bike path ends dangerously near Pateena Road intersection.

This junction needs lighting to be continued a little further to Pateena Rd. Making a right hand turn from Pateena onto Illawarra Rd can be extremely dangerous in a vehicle yet even worse for cyclists judging the distance to accelerate out and head to Longford. Heavy vehicles add more danger to this situation. Reducing the speed limit to 80 kph from the Perth bypass off ramps heading down to the roundabout at Longford turnoff seems a more and sensible safer speed for this strip of highway, considering that it's not going to be attended to any time soon. It's most disappointing that this part of the highway that presents the highest risk to vehicles and cyclists is being bumped as a priority. Extremely dangerous with trucks doing 100 kph sharing this stretch down and over the two bridges with cyclists. Thankfully a few signs have recently been added near the bridges to raise awareness of cyclists sharing the road.

- Then there's the intersection of Panshangar Rd with Woolmers Lane where visibility is limited for traffic exiting Panshangar onto Woolmers. The private residence on the corner has trees that block the line of view of traffic which is further complicated with traffic at Woolmers entrance. This speed limit needs to be 80kph from around Point Rd heading into Longford because the hedged verges also limit visibility, probably not so much for trucks, but for other vehicles and cyclists sharing this stretch of road.

Thankyou for the providing the opportunity to submit my concerns and I trust that many others have submitted their feedback for your consideration and deliberation as a committee..... in the hope of improved transport outcomes for our beautiful state.

Yours sincerely,
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