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Subject: Fwd: Tasmanian Road Safety
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Mr Tim Mills.

Good Morning Tim,

I recently sent an email to Rosemary Armitage outlining a few of my concerns pertaining to Tasmania's road safety, Rosemary has asked me to forward the email to you.

I have only touched on a very few of the more obvious hazards to keep the email more concise.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Don Maclean.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Don Maclean [REDACTED]
Date: 2 July 2021 at 1:33:34 pm AEST
To: rosemary.armitage@parliament.tas.gov.au
Subject: **Tasmanian Road Safety**

Good afternoon Rosemary,

Firstly I'd like to thank you for focusing attention on road safety here in Tasmania and, while the driving skills of some Tasmanians do require attention, I would like to point out some other very serious and unattended to problems concerning the Bass Highway.

Tas Roads does not appear to carry out "Road Safety Audits". If they do, they are not acting on the results at all. I have had extensive experience in construction and performing safety audits on State and Local Government roadways.

Here is a list of just a few rather serious problems that I have observed while driving the roads. I'll use the Bass Highway from Smithton to Devonport in the North West as an example.

1. The guide posts and reflectors are never cleaned and are very difficult to see at night and during heavy rain. This should be budgeted for and they should be cleaned regularly.
2. Primary producers are travelling on the highway in tractors and other large farm equipment and not moving over to allow traffic to overtake, and often driving oversized machinery on the road with no escort. The sheer size of some of the machines on this road is almost unbelievable.

3. Primary producers are carting large amounts of mud on the tyres of large tractors onto the highway directly from their fields. This becomes very slippery when it rains. I've seen this mud over 25mm deep and dragged for many metres along the highway.
4. The speed limit from Port Latta to Rocky Cape needs to be looked at as it is now quite a busy residential area, but the speed limit is still 100kph.
5. Guard rails. Several have no delineators on the approach ends, again making them impossible to see at night. The guard rail opposite Hellyer township is incorrectly and very dangerously installed, being too close to the road and forms a dangerous point in the centre.
6. West of the Myalla turn-off on the Bass Highway, there is a large concrete block that is very close to the travelled surface of the road. It is actually between the guide post and the bitumen edge and is mostly overgrown with grass as well, making it impossible to see.
7. There is incorrect, faded and dangerous line marking on major roundabouts and on some intersections, effectively turning them into short overtaking lanes.

These are just a few of the more dangerous hazards which I have observed and which I hope are of some use to you.

Kind regards,

Don Maclean.