

SAFER JOURNEYS MAKE A SUBMISSION



Have your say on how we can improve road safety in New Zealand by making a submission on the road safety initiatives outlined in the **Safer Journeys** discussion document.

The **Safer Journeys** discussion document has been developed by the Ministry of Transport and key road safety partners as part of the development of a road safety strategy to take New Zealand through to 2020. It outlines key road safety issues, and proposed actions for addressing them. The comments and views the Ministry of Transport receive will be used to develop the final strategy, Safer Journeys. This will be a guiding document for road safety, and will seek to identify the appropriate mix of interventions for improving road safety. It will be released in December 2009.

For further information, please contact saferjourneys@transport.govt.nz

The deadline for submissions is **Friday 2 October 2009**.

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SECTION ONE

Please fill in your details so that we can acknowledge receipt of your submission. Details provided will only be used for consultation on Safer Journeys.

Name or organisation _____

Location (i.e. your suburb, town, region) _____

Email address _____

Gender: Male/Female (*circle one*)

Age bracket (*circle one*):

Under 20

21-30

31-40

41-50

51-60

60+

SECTION TWO

Please write your comments on the **Safer Journeys** discussion document in the spaces below. You can attach additional pages if you need more space. Copies of this document are available to view on the Ministry of Transport's website www.transport.govt.nz or by typing in the address www.saferjourneys.govt.nz.



- a) Do you think we have identified the right priority areas for improving road safety? If not, what would you change?



1. REDUCING ALCOHOL/DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVING

a) Which of the suggested initiatives to reduce alcohol/drug impaired driving do you support?

b) Which initiative to reduce drink driving is the most important to you?

c) Do you support lowering the legal adult Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) limit from BAC 0.08 to BAC 0.05?

d) How could rural communities be better empowered to address drink driving?

e) Do you have other ideas for how we can reduce drink driving?

f) Do you think we should introduce random roadside drug testing for the presence of illegal drugs as technology allows?

g) Do you have other ideas for how we can reduce drug impaired driving?

2. INCREASING THE SAFETY OF YOUNG DRIVERS

a) Which of the suggested initiatives to increase the safety of young drivers do you support?

b) Which initiative to increase the safety of young drivers is the most important to you?

c) Do you support raising the minimum driving age? If so, at what age should young people start learning to drive – 16 or 17?

d) Do you support extending the learner period by six months?

e) If the driving age was raised and the learner period extended – do you think there should be an exemption for rural youth who can demonstrate, via a practical test, that they have the skills and attitudes to drive safely and competently?

f) Do you support having compulsory third party insurance?

g) Should we introduce vehicle restrictions (eg power) for young drivers?

h) Do you have other ideas for how we can increase the safety of young drivers?

3. SAFER ROADS AND ROADSIDES

a) Which of the suggested initiatives to make our roads and roadsides safer do you support?

b) Which initiative to make our roads and roadsides safer is the most important to you?

c) Is there anything we have left out in our suggestions for making our roads and roadsides safer?

4. SAFER SPEEDS

a) Do you support the suggested initiatives to reduce speed-related crashes?

b) Which initiative to reduce speed-related crashes is the most important to you?

c) What else could we do to reduce speed-related crashes?

d) Do you support having higher demerit points and lower fines for speed-related offences?

5. INCREASING THE SAFETY OF MOTORCYCLING

a) Which of the suggested initiatives to increase the safety of motorcyclists do you support?

b) Which initiative to increase the safety of motorcyclists is the most important to you?

c) Do you have other ideas for how we can increase the safety of motorcyclists?



1. IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF THE LIGHT VEHICLE FLEET

a) Which of the suggested initiatives to help make our vehicle fleet safer do you support?

b) Which initiative to help make our vehicle fleet safer is the most important to you?

c) What else could we do to improve the safety of the light vehicle fleet?

d) Do you agree that we should make electronic stability control compulsory for cars entering the fleet by a particular date?

2. SAFER WALKING AND CYCLING

a) Which of the suggested initiatives to make walking and cycling safer do you support?

b) Which initiative to make walking and cycling safer is the most important to you?

c) What else could we do to make walking and cycling safer ?

3. IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF HEAVY VEHICLES

a) Which of the suggested initiatives to improve the safety of heavy vehicles do you support?

b) Which initiative to increase the safety of heavy vehicles is the most important to you?

c) Do you have other ideas for how we can increase the safety of heavy vehicles?

4. REDUCING THE IMPACT OF FATIGUE

a) Which of the suggested initiatives to reduce the impact of fatigue do you support?

b) Which initiative to reduce the impact of fatigue is the most important to you?

c) Do you have other ideas for how we can reduce the impact of fatigue?

5. ADDRESSING DISTRACTION

a) Do you support the suggested initiative to reduce the impact of distraction?

b) Do you have other ideas for how we can reduce the impact of distraction?



1. INCREASING THE LEVEL OF RESTRAINT USE

a) Do you support aligning our requirements for child restraints with international best practice? (This would mean that children over five years of age could use adult seat belts only when they reach 150cm in height).

b) How could we improve seatbelt wearing rates among commercial drivers?

2. INCREASING THE SAFETY OF OLDER NEW ZEALANDERS

a) Which of the suggested initiatives to increase road safety for older New Zealanders do you support?

b) Which initiative to improve road safety for older New Zealanders is the most important to you?

c) Do you have other ideas for how we can improve road safety for older New Zealanders?



a) Are we putting enough emphasis on road safety education? What would you change?

b) In your opinion does our current road safety advertising work well? What would you change?

c) How can we better link our education efforts with other road safety initiatives?



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