

Enough is Enough
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Hi [REDACTED]

Further to the terms of reference- Article 3.

“Have regard to the availability of and relevant findings on, driver intervention programs and other initiatives in NSW and other compactable jurisdictions”.

Our organisation has participated in presenting a segment in the Traffic Offender intervention program for many years. The segment covered victims issues, the consequences of irresponsible road use and the impact on the community, as well as strategies for responsible road use. The segment was well received by participants evidenced by the constant flow of positive feedback and mail following a presentation.

Our organisation had a team of presenters who had all lost a loved one on the road. They found value both from telling their story (woven in with current statistics and what works strategies) and seeing the response by the program participants.

In recent times the Traffic Offender program has been condensed into a one day workshop, rather than the original 8 week x hours per week with homework. We believe the one day workshop is not effective on its own. International research has shown that repetition is the more successful approach to behavioural change, as shown by the corrective services. Equips suite of programs (min 10 weeks) and Men’s Behavioural Change program for domestic Violence perpetrators (min 12 weeks).

By reducing TOIP to one day it has only finished the programs potential for effectiveness. As for punishments for repeat offenders, I believe that there should be a greater interest in confiscation of vehicles which can be sold off to raise funds to support road trauma victims.

There are two areas not directly covered by the terms of reference directly.

- a) Phone use of any type while driving- texting, voice or otherwise poses a real threat to the increasing road toll. I believe it has wider anti-social implications as well as irresponsible road use drivers and pedestrians.
- b) Older drivers. There appears to be a greater number of older drivers involved in road incidents. I should there should be a testing region brought in to test drivers over 70 years of age.

For further information please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,
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