

Submission

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DRIVER AND ROAD USER DISTRACTION

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Submission re Driver and Road User
Distraction.

Hopefully, my observations as a long-time driver and frequent road user will assist you.

① Mobile phones. I rarely drive without seeing someone using a mobile phone illegally. It's obvious that present penalties are not a sufficient deterrent.

② Navigational aids. I have only been a passenger in a car once that had such an aid (device) It was obvious that it was a distraction as the driver continually was distracted from the traffic and road conditions while checking the device. Solution may be to have it only used by a passenger and not visible to the driver.

③ Smoking in cars. As a short term smoker in my youth I recall the difficulty of i) extracting the cigarette from the packet while driving ii) lighting it iii) ashing it iv) the danger of dropping a lit cigarette into your lap or having hot ash blow into your eyes

④ Pets in cars. Frequently I see

dowers with pets in the front seats
of cars and also on dowers' laps.

Even CO players are a
distraction.

I don't know the answers apart
from heavier penalties and the
banning of some practices.

Good luck with your deliberations.

