

INQUIRY INTO YOUNG DRIVER SAFETY AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Dear Mr Corrigan

I refer to your letter concerning the recently commenced Staysafe Committee inquiry into Young Driver Safety and Education Programs.

The inquiry's terms of reference (a) to (c) and (e) are more appropriately addressed by the Minister for Roads, as his portfolio has lead responsibility for road safety in NSW, including maintaining and analysing crash data and developing and evaluating education programs.

In relation to term of reference (d), the aim of the NSW Police Force regarding road safety education is to disseminate appropriate information to road users through a number of means, principally:

- CARES – a road safety awareness program conducted with primary school aged children;
- En-Lite-En – a drink driving education program delivered to local communities;
- corporate and local level media campaigns to reinforce road safety or traffic enforcement activities.

The NSW Police Force does not conduct corporate diversionary or education programs for young offenders, although traditionally police have been involved in the delivery of materials to such programs at a local level.

Diversionary programs such as Traffic Offender Intervention Programs are the portfolio responsibility of the Attorney General.

In relation to term of reference (f), the principal focus of the NSW Police Force regarding driver safety is to detect and deter unsafe or inappropriate behaviour. Initiatives generally take the form of operational efficiencies and improvements.

For example, the Traffic Services Branch has created a 'street racing desk' to provide improved intelligence to the field to allow local resources to more effectively target illegal street racing behaviour. Further, the NSW Police Force is creating a traffic enforcement strike force that will focus on illegal street racing and car hoon behaviour. This strike force will have the capacity to address issues across metropolitan and rural areas as required.

The NSW Police Force has developed partnerships with other agencies to access data holdings that provide quicker and more complete information to inform NSW Police Force intelligence processes. For example, police have direct access to State Debt Recovery Office infringement data and various Roads and Traffic Authority crash data systems.

I trust this information has been of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Campbell', written in a cursive style.

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