

**INQUIRY INTO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
(MINISTERIAL REFERENCE)**

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The Walking Class Heroes

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NSW STAYSAFE Committee Inquiry into Pedestrian Safety

**This is a précis of the major items we wish to submit to the STAYSAFE Committee
We request the facilities to present our submission by Power Point – Time: approximately 1 hour**

1. Intoxicated pedestrians – Problems and solutions – Theme “Never let a mate walk home drunk”.
2. PCA Fols – Enforcement generally
 - a. Speeding in school zones
 - b. Illegal parking in school zones
 - c. Illegal parking by taxis
3. Driver distractions
 - a. Mobile phones – iPhones - MP3s – GPS navigators – TV & internet screens - legislation lagging behind technology
 - b. Outdoor advertising – obstruction and distraction
4. Serious lack of current data as to pedestrian injuries and deaths
5. 30/40 kmh High Pedestrian Activity Zone for all CBDs and areas of High Pedestrian Activity
6. Pedestrian safety fences – pubs, clubs, schools and areas of high pedestrian activity – refer Council resistance because they often reduce on-street parking
7. Confiscation of vehicles – for recidivist, repeat offenders, disqualified drivers, high range speed (over 50 kmh over speed limit as in Vic - see NRMA report) – possible use of fingerprint recognition in exceptional circumstances - not interlock devices. Currently, disqualified alcoholics can collect their vehicles the next day.
8. Demerit Points and Penalties – existing anomalies – especially Heavy Vehicle log-book offences
9. Anomalous penalties for parking on footpaths, nature strips, driveways – A-G’s recommendation re Council enforcement – 7-year deferred decision pending RTA’s 2002 Footway Parking Discussion Paper completion and Leichhardt Shared Zone trial – ref Coronial Inquiry: Connor Greasby – Kellyville – (note rule re children riding bicycles on footpaths)
10. Three anomalies in schoolzone parking regulations – No Demerit Points for stop within 3 metres of double lines, park facing the wrong way and stop within 10 metres of intersection
11. Shared Paths (Bicycles) – Deaths, injuries, potential for harm – no insurance, no speed limits – no risk assessment
12. Countdown timers at pedestrian crossings
13. Cabinet back down on covert mobile speed cameras - particularly in schoolzones – ref Fol
14. Bullbars – all new cars to meet Australian Standard immediately – all vehicles within 3 – 5 years – Enforcement – how to get B&S Mad-Max bullbars off the road immediately – refer Ministerial decision NZ August 2002 – especially danger to Police
15. Drink-driving – Review sentencing guidelines – (Why not including low and mid-range – 40% of Drink-Drivers still getting Section 10s - Consider Victorian system of 10 Demerit Points for First Offence Dul)
16. Former Commissioner Ken Moroney’s proposal for regular 5 year licence re-testing – esp. Disqualified Drivers
17. Raised and Modified Vehicles – poor standards and difficulties for Police to enforce
18. Multiple Infringements and Double Jeopardy for Parking Offences (ref Auditor-General’s reports)
19. Shared Zones – Survey proves widespread confusion - must be changed to Pedestrian Priority Zones
20. Total parking review/audit by all Councils (required by NSW State Govt) of needs not wants of delivery vehicles, taxis etc vs. shopper parking
21. Road Safety Officers to adopt active not passive roles and sit on all Council Traffic Committees
22. Minimum age for P-plate drivers 18 years as in Victoria
23. Enforcement sharing/transfer: bicycle helmets, jay walking, bald tyres, defaced/obstructed plates, unregistered vehicles - etc., to Council Rangers
24. Bicycle Couriers – extremely dangerous behaviour in CBD at epidemic proportions endangering both pedestrians and motorists – implement enforced self-regulation scheme – see High Court decision re Vabu
25. Front plates for motor-cycles – very high incidence of unenforceable speeding (see VicRoads report)
26. Urgent roll-out of in-car ANRP (Automated Number-Plate Recognition System) to all Highway Patrol vehicles. Very high correlation between unregistered, uninsured and disqualified drivers.

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