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DRIVER EDUCATION, TRAINING AND ROAD SAFETY

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I read in the Telegraph that you are once again targeting older drivers ,in the article there was an insinuation that ones GP would be sympathetic and maybe not follow the correct procedures as to the annual RTA medical tests , I think that is quite insulting to the medical profession , in my case my GP would not do the eye test and sent me to an eye specialist and all the other part of the test was thoroughly done to the letter even to the point of whether I could turn my head to the full over the shoulder rotations , you must have a hidden agenda here , the younger drivers are much more reckless especially new P platers and young women are really aggressive on the road these days , I think that when an older person comes to the service centre to renew a license there should be a visual one on one interview and by a sensible qualified person who can see if the individual looks capable of driving a car , I have been in a service centre and an older driver came in with his son to renew and it was obvious he was too old to drive very doddery and on a walking stick , he should have been made to take a physical driving test with an RTA tester on that day , I am 82 now and I pass the medical each year and the eye test , I drive always at the speed limit, mainly because I obey the law and also cannot afford the fines, I sometimes get yelled at by overtakers but I mostly catch them at the next set of lights, I think your testing regimes are ok ,I recently got a new rule book from the RTA and not much has changed , so please don,t go crazy and increase the costs of keeping a license too high and difficult for us older guys , one other thing is I notice that there has been a few folks hitting the accelerator instead of the brake pedal , in the modern cars the distance between those two fittings has been made smaller for some reason ,so it makes it easier to make a mistake if you don't concentrate , ,I drove trucks for 40 odd years in Sydney and Melbourne no accidents in one you have to concentrate on the road ,and nowadays because of the volume increase in the amount of cars on the road ,even more so, there are a lot of loonies out there I see them all the time on the road , but it's not all oldies ,so be mindful of any changes you make , be sensible Cheers Robert Carter [REDACTED]