

**Submission
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DRIVER EDUCATION, TRAINING AND ROAD SAFETY

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am a professional driver on NSW roads and would like to take this opportunity to have some input into the area of elderly drivers on our roads. Apparently the current statistics state that 28% of fatalities on our roads are of people over the age of 60.

If you pass your driving test at age 18 and are then driving by yourself on red P plates, by the time 60 years old comes around, that is 42 years of being on the road without any further refresher course or driver training.

In my opinion from 60 + there should be more regular road rules theory testing and on road driver testing than there currently is.

If a person cannot walk properly they should not drive any foot pedal operated vehicle. Reaction time on brakes and accelerator pedals is too slow. If a person cannot turn their neck both right and left to a subscribed angle to check vehicle blind spots for other motorists, they should not be allowed to drive.

Vision to reaction times and distances should be more though rally tested. Hearing should be more though rally tested.

Public transport has to be a better more safe option for older people to get onto, rather than risk their lives and others when they are behind the wheel.

Kind Regards

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