

**Submission  
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## **REVIEW OF ROAD SAFETY ISSUES FOR FUTURE INQUIRY**

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My submission relates to driving on multi lane roads and highways.

I do a lot of driving on the Hume Highway between Sydney and Goulburn and/or Canberra and am concerned at the speed at which trucks travel. Are trucks still speed limited to 100 kph? I find I need to exceed the speed limit to pass trucks which are supposed to be travelling at 100 kph.

Keeping to the left on multi lane roads, motorways and highways is another problem - many trucks and cars do not keep on these roads. In the UK whilst driving on 2, 3 and 4 lane roads and motorways, trucks must travel in the left lane, unless overtaking. Other vehicles also must keep to the left except when overtaking. Also, overtaking on the left is prohibited.

In Sydney, say on the M5 (3 lanes) and Hume Motorway (3 and 4 lanes before it becomes 2 lanes) trucks do not always travel in the left lane - sometimes they travel 3 and 4 abreast. Signs saying "Keep left unless overtaking", placed along the Hume Highway, used to have another sign beneath that sign saying "Penalty exceeds \$110". These signs have been removed.

Surely keeping to the left unless overtaking should be compulsory and strictly enforced. Highway Patrol cars often sit in obscure places to monitor speeding, could they not also cover drivers not keeping to the left unless overtaking. Slow drivers who sit in the outside lane cause consternation to other road users and require drivers to take unnecessary risks by passing them on the inside.

I would like my small submission to be considered and hopefully our driver education programs could reflect the need for courtesy and consideration of other motorists on our roads.

Thanks you

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