

**Submission
No 5**

REVIEW OF ROAD SAFETY ISSUES FOR FUTURE INQUIRY

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am making this submission after hearing your representative on ABC 702 radio this morning.

I travel daily on the M5 from my place of residence in the Liverpool Council area to my place of work in the Canterbury-Bankstown region. This takes between 30 - 45 minutes each way. The NSW Government has my thanks for making this commute more tolerable over recent years, with the widening on the M5 making a big difference to my commute time.

Travelling to and from the M5 each day is a very dangerous route and I constantly need to remain vigilant on this road.

My two main concerns (and the reasons for this submission) are:

1. Those that stay in the right-hand most lane (i.e. the "fast" lane) and do less than the minimum speed limit; and
2. Those that over-take in the left-most or in the middle lane on the M5.

In some instances, #1 above, causes #2 to happen, but not all the time.

I recently travelled in Germany with my family. When I picked up our car from the rental desk at the airport, they warned me very strictly of two main German rules. 1. Never, ever overtake a car on the inside and 2. (for the Autobahn roads) Do not travel in the "fast" lane unless you are prepared to be the fastest vehicle on the road.

This memory has stuck with me, and it contrasts heavily with our roads here in Sydney, when people constantly overtake on the inside, and you quite often see people pottering along at 5-20 kilometres per hour under the speed limit, in the fast lane.

Many will make submissions about drink driving, and using mobile phones... but this one is potentially that not many will raise as part of your process, hence when I am bringing it up.

Kind regards,
Jared.