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REVIEW OF ROAD SAFETY ISSUES FOR FUTURE INQUIRY

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Dear sir/madam

Each year around october/november/decemder we have an influx of young drivers (red p plate) added to our roads. As we have strong rules applied to these young drivers with no experience in the real world on our roads. There are a lot of young drivers, not always on p plates involved in accidents. I personally think if we had a different approach to getting a drivers license we could keep more from being a statistic.

Could we not have the system we have now as a stage 1 and have a defensive driving course and skid pan course to help young drivers in real world conditions as a stage 2. This could at least give them some experience and forthought about driving on our roads and what could happen and maybe give them a better idea of options in a given situation. The logistics and financial things could surely be sorted and added somehow to the existing system. There are some good driver training courses available but are only optional for them if they want them.

You already have safe drivers course, maybe it could be made compulsory in stage 1. Then after a period of time complete stage 2, say within 6 months.

This is just something to think about and this experience would be carried through their life.

Yours sincerely

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