

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

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# Mobile Phones

## ● Why is this issue important?

The issue of mobile phones has been around for a while now and is ever growing into a bigger issue as time goes on and technology develops.

Distracted driving has become a serious and imminent threat to the safety of road users.

Recently Onroad Driving School attended the B-Streetsmart event where 25000 students attended to learn about driver safety and mobile phones was definitely a major topic of conversation within the program. We had many questions and opinions surrounding the issue and this should definitely be on the high priority list.

## ● Why should it be explored by Staysafe?

With more and more people owning mobile phones, this issue should be a priority and should most certainly be explored in depth in order to effectively come up with some sort of long term solution.

## ● How will it improve Government Policy and Practice?

Increasing awareness and legislation surrounding this issue will lead to improvement of government policy and practice because it will enforce stronger law around one of the leading causes of road fatalities and therefore reduce road deaths dramatically.

## ● How does it support NSW and National Road Safety Strategies?

Putting effective law in place surrounding the issue of mobile phones will support NSW and national road safety strategies simply because it is such a big issue and will help reduce the fatalities we see on our roads daily.

## ● How does it benefit the community?

The community will benefit hugely from this issue being taken to the next level in terms of seriousness and effective action being taken, as lives will be preserved.



# Professional/ Corporate Drivers

## ● Why is this issue important?

The professional drivers we are referring to are tradies, delivery drivers, truck drivers and all those who spend a minimum of 6-10 hours a day behind the wheel for work purposes.

The issue is that many of these drivers, due to work pressures, may drive in a way that causes potential threat to other road users. For example a delivery van rushing to make sure all his deliveries are on time for the day, or a tradie rushing to their next job.

The other issue is that of fatigue. Driving for extended periods of time may cause the driver to experience extreme fatigue and therefore pose threat to themselves and other road users.

## ● Why should it be explored by Staysafe?

We propose this issue be explored and proper legislation be put in place such as heavier fines or more frequent vehicle checks.

## ● How will it improve Government Policy and Practice?

We believe government policy and practice will be improved because people of the community will feel safer when on the road.

## ● How does it support NSW and National Road Safety Strategies?

It will support NSW and national road safety strategies by taking a practical approach to an issue that could become even larger if not dealt with.

## ● How does it benefit the community?

The community will benefit from legislation surrounding this issue because they will feel more confident and comfortable around such drivers. Especially learner drivers. In their rush, corporate drivers may become agitated with Learner drivers and cause unnecessary accidents.