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REDUCING TRAUMA ON LOCAL ROADS IN NSW

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There are three major issues persist as the major challenges of road safety:

1. Inappropriate behaviours – speeding, drink driving, non-use of occupant restraints and driving while sleepy or fatigued, distractions, mobile phone use;
2. Vulnerable road users – pedestrians, motor cyclists and pedal cyclists; and
3. Road and roadside deficiencies.

One of the most important aspects of road safety is lower speeds. Speeds must be managed so that road users are not exposed to impact forces beyond their physical tolerance.

System designers and operators need to take into account the limits of the human body in designing and maintaining roads, vehicles and speeds.

Implementing a safe systems approach which is embedded in Council's Road Safety Action Plan can gain an inclusive approach that caters for all groups using the road system, including drivers, motorcyclists, passengers, pedestrians, cyclists, and heavy vehicle drivers. Road Safety Education should be seen as a valuable resource and important in reducing trauma on local roads. More Police on the road and also improved technology to enforce speeds as well as different types of illegal driver behaviour to be conducted on local roads.

On the other hand having positive incentives for people who conduct safe behaviours can also have a positive effect on behaviour change and reduction in illegal behaviours. For example sending a "Thank You" letter for drivers who conduct safe behaviour.

Local road infrastructure should protect vulnerable road users by providing safer infrastructure by managing speeds, providing safe environments for vulnerable road users in order to reduce serious injury risk.

Installing lower speed areas either 40km/h speed zones or 10km/h Shared Zones where there are high pedestrian movements e.g. shopping precincts. Funding for engineering facilities on local roads is often very limited and implementing these facilities is very expensive for local councils. More funding is needed in order to show that road safety is a priority and so that larger scale projects can be localised and suited to the Local Government Area (LGA).

Kind Regards

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