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## **SUPPORT FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL LEARNER DRIVERS**

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In a regional city like Bathurst learners still have access to most of the common road elements that they need to learn to navigate; Traffic lights, Roundabouts, high-speed highways and high-speed regional roads, trucks, buses, pedestrians and cyclists etc.

Many young drivers remain apprehensive driving in larger cities with the thought of high-speed multilane expressways, and higher density of busses, pedestrians and cyclists.

Simulations of major city environments would be beneficial to expose young drivers to cycle lanes and pathways, bus lanes and transit lanes and tramways, multilane expressways where they can learn proper lane selection and lane changing.

More support for RYDA Rotary Young Driver Awareness program would be beneficial. This is a great program delivered to Year 11 students that addresses many of the factors affecting young drivers. It would greatly benefit from a more practical real-world workshops to illustrate the challenges that other road users face; trucks and their stopping speed and blind spots, cyclists and their lower visibility and vulnerability, elderly pedestrians with reduced mobility etc.