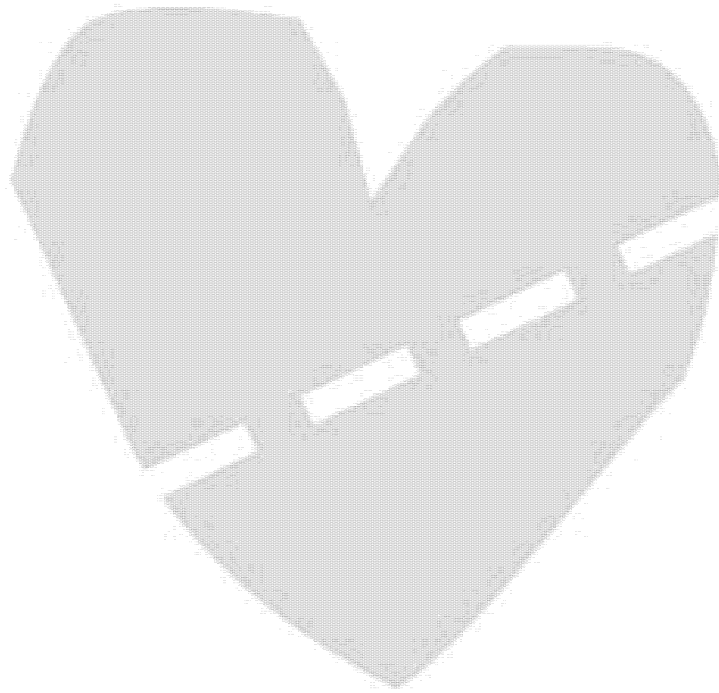


**INTERVENTIONS TO REDUCE ROAD TRAUMA IN REGIONAL NSW CAUSED
BY SPEEDING, FATIGUE, DRINK AND DRUG DRIVING**

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**Member Template for submission to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Interventions to Reduce
Road Trauma in Regional NSW**

Focus: Speeding, fatigue, drink and drug driving

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Submission to:

NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Interventions to Reduce Road Trauma in Regional NSW

JULY 21, 2025.

I am a member of the Road Trauma Support Group NSW. I lost our beautiful 19 year old daughter Hannan, to a fatal crash on March 15, 2013.,On Gloucester Road, Killawarra.

This was not an accident but the result of preventable behaviours on our roads.

I want to see real change so other families do not have to experience this lifelong grief and trauma.

March 15, 2013, our beloved daughter Hannah's life was tragically cut short in a devastating head-on collision.

Hannah was just 19 years old, with her entire life ahead of her - university, engagement, travel, and a bright future. She was radiant with happiness.

Then, in the blink of an eye, our precious girl's life was extinguished. Another driver's inattention had stolen her away from us.

Despite our unbearable agony, we, Diane and Graeme, made a solemn vow to honor Hannah's life and legacy.

As a result Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness Inc was formed.

A registered Not For Profit committed to dedicating every waking moment to raising Road Safety Awareness and supporting other families who are forced to tread this same challenging path.

Our Board of six members, work tirelessly to Drive real change.

Our mission is to transform driving behaviors by shifting attitudes. We educate, inform, inspire, and support.

We achieve this through:

Presentations to HSC students, empowering Students to Speak Up.

Public speaking engagements, both in-person and virtually, along with Our Safety Sam, Community Outreach Programs.

We also operate a dedicated 24-hour Grief support line.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Coronial Recommendations and Accountability

Too often coroners identify unsafe roads but nothing changes.

Recommendation: Require government agencies to formally respond to coronial findings and conduct mandatory safety reviews.

Learner Driver Education

Learners often rely on family with bad habits. Logbooks are forged.

Recommendation: Make professional lessons and Safer Drivers Courses mandatory and fund low-cost defensive driving courses in regional areas.

Sentencing Reform

Sentences for fatal crashes are too lenient, not reflecting the loss of life.

Recommendation: The term Vehicular Murder and Vehicular Manslaughter to replace Dangerous driving occasioning death and negligent driving occasioning death.

Consider stronger sentencing outcomes, especially for aggravated factors like intoxication or repeat offending. Review outdated guidelines and remove inappropriate community orders. Mandatory Traffic offender Program participation and volunteer work with road safety agencies.

Community Attitudes and Public Education

Current campaigns are too soft. People don't take road risks seriously.

Recommendation: Fund confronting, evidence-based campaigns showing the real cost of fatal crashes.

More availability to public discussion and presentations from families impacted by road trauma.

Police to reinforce attitudinal awareness when speaking to the public and motorists.

IN CONCLUSION:

This Talk Fest must stop. It is time for urgent action. The Government is not taking the appropriate and urgent action to in-state urgent legislation, action and reforms.

As a result, NSW is facing the worst road toll in decades. Please, we beg you, make the changes. Now.

Regional communities deserve the same safety and investment as urban areas. These deaths are not inevitable—they are preventable.

I call on the NSW Parliament to take real action to save lives and reduce trauma.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Diane and Graeme McMurtrie

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