

Hurley, Raelene (L. O'Brien, MP)

From: Michael Norris
Sent: Monday, 12 August 2019 9:54 AM
To: O'Brien, Llew (MP)
Subject: New committee to drive road safety action

Dear Mr. Obrien,

I am writing to you in your capacity as chairman of the new committee to drive road safety action.

I am offering a practical solution to the problem of motor vehicle drivers using mobile phones whilst driving motor vehicles.

My proposal is to have all mobile phones disabled from all and any usage, including texting, gaming and voice-calls, when the phones are travelling in excess of 15 kilometres per hour, by way of GPS technology, except for dialling triple zero.

Pedestrian phone users would not be affected, considering that pedestrian users, more likely in the case of joggers, would not normally travel at speeds above 15 kilometres per hour.

With regard to bicycle riders, they should not be using mobile phones whilst driving at any speed, and rarely would they tend to use their mobile phones whilst riding, and for them, texting and gaming would be impractical.

With regard to passengers in taxis, trains, buses and ferries, hot-spot WIFI on those public transport vehicles could override the disabling technology.

I cannot foresee any problems with this technology being employed.

On another issue, I suggest legislation should be put in place, requiring all pedal cycles to be required to have side/rear-view mirrors fitted and also legislation be put in place requiring all pedal cyclists to travel in single-file, making side-by-side travelling of pedal cycles illegal.

I trust you will put these suggestions to the committee for consideration, and look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

With regards,

Michael Norris
