

As part of my role as an Australian citizen, I feel that it may be deemed appropriate that I can comment and add another perspective into the social issues regarding driverless vehicles in Australia.

I believe that driverless vehicles should be introduced as seen in the United States of America, through trial systems. I believe that that companies (for example Waymo, which is a subsidiary company of Google) have the abilities to test their driverless vehicles, whilst a human being is sitting in the drivers seat. This is a sufficient method of allowing the rollout of driverless vehicles to continue in a safe, yet sufficient manner.

It is of my own opinion also, that driverless vehicles will be a cornerstone of a new chapter in our evolving society, and that driverless vehicles should be embraced, as I have seen many advertisements regarding public safety in regards to vehicle usage from the Transport Accident Commission (TAC), which demonstrate that we simply need a better solution than just advertisements. It seems as though whilst we are continually trying to lower transport accidents, we are not exploring every avenue, which can also include trying out a driverless system in vehicles, as well as trying to curb the seemingly reckless human behaviour that we see today.

I personally believe that driverless vehicles will be the future, and so that we should pave the way for a rollout of these new technologies, to create a new era of safety.

- Edward Nelson, aged 17.