

- MINUTES -

A meeting of the Travelsafe Committee was held in Room 5.04, Level 5 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Monday, 5 November 1990 commencing at 2.15 pm.

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**Members Present:** Mr Ardill (Chairman), Messrs Lester, Dollin, Springborg and J Goss.

In attendance - Mr D Bletchly (Clerk-Assistant) Committees.

**Minutes of the Meeting of 23 October:**

Confirmed. (Moved Mr Lester, seconded Mr Dollin).

**Correspondence:**

The following correspondence was noted and accepted (moved Mr Dollin seconded Mr Goss).

Inwards

- Commissioner for Police - acknowledging receipt of Chairman's letter re mechanical training for cadets.
- Barcaldine District - caravan crashes.

Outwards

- G Mahon - Department of Transport (letter of thanks).

**Random Roadside Inspections "Caboolture Drags":**

The Chairman presented a verbal report on his attendance in company with Messrs Fenlon, Bletchly and Vidas at a specific target roadside inspection activity conducted by the Police and Transport Department at Caboolture on Saturday 27 October. The high number of defective vehicles intercepted was noted.

**Report to Parliament:**

The draft report to Parliament was considered in detail.

Agreed that the following recommendations stand part of the report:

It is therefore recommended that compulsory periodic inspections of private passenger vehicles be NOT introduced, as it would be an inappropriate diversion of community resources, which could be better applied to more cost - benefit - effective areas at this point in time.

It is therefore recommended that police be required to pay close attention to obvious defects such as worn and faulty tyres, steering, brakes and inoperative mechanical parts.

It is therefore recommended that cadet police receive specific training enabling them to attain skills to assist them in the roadside inspection of motorised vehicles.

It is therefore recommended that unregistered and uninsured vehicles be removed from the road by the process of random checks, increased police surveillance and increased penalties for the offence.

It is therefore recommended that increased penalties (financial and or demerit points) be imposed using a sliding scale for multiple defects.

It is therefore recommended that vehicles which suffer excessive damage in road crashes be subject to a "safety inspection" prior to returning to the road.

It is therefore recommended that the New South Wales Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Council be used as a model to establish an authority to register and license motor vehicle repairers, monitor standards, carry out on-going education, and arbitration disputes between repairers and their customers.

It is therefore recommended that the appropriate penalty provisions be enacted to ensure that the authority is effective.

It is therefore recommended that the Department of Transport investigate the development of a colour visibility rating brochure as a safety initiative.

It is therefore recommended that the Government adopt a policy of purchasing high visibility vehicles.

Agreed that the following recommendations be amended to read as indicated:

**FROM**

It is therefore recommended that random tests of motor vehicles be carried out throughout Queensland on a systematic basis using modern machinery to expedite the procedure and to provide an accurate assessment.

**TO**

It is therefore recommended that random tests of motor vehicles and motor cycles be carried out throughout Queensland on a systematic basis using modern machinery to expedite the procedure and to provide an accurate assessment.

**FROM**

It is therefore recommended that the Department of Transport insert on Registration renewal notification forms a certificate to be signed by the applicant to the effect that the vehicle has been recently examined for safety faults and that it is in a safe condition.

**TO**

It is therefore recommended that the Department of Transport insert on Registration renewal notification forms a notification of the owner's responsibilities under Regulation 68 of the Traffic Regulations 1962 to maintain his/her vehicle in a good and thoroughly serviceable condition.

**FROM**

It is therefore recommended that motor cycles be subject to the same requirements as passenger vehicles upon initial registration and disposal of second hand motor vehicles.

**TO**

It is therefore recommended that motor cycles be subject to the same requirements as passenger vehicles upon initial registration and not excluded from Part V of the Motor Vehicles Safety Act 1980-1990.

FROM

It is therefore recommended that the Minister request that the Australian Transport Advisory Council investigate the standards of all tyres and retreads sold in Australia for suitability under rural and torrid zone conditions as a matter of urgency.

TO

It is therefore recommended that the Minister request that the Australian Transport Advisory Council investigate the standards of all tyres and retreads sold as well as fitted to new vehicles in Australia for suitability under rural and torrid zone conditions as a matter of urgency.

Agreed that Section 5 of the draft report be revised and that recommendations relating to this section be revised and framed to include the following:

- limitation of the issuing of new approved inspection station licences to ensure that a high standard is maintained and that the system is viable.
- eliminate dishonest operators by a continual process of audit.
- used car yards be inspected at random to monitor the standard of certificates issued.

The following recommendation with regard to Section 5 was agreed to.

It is therefore recommended that the roadworthy certificate scheme be reviewed and that the Certificate of Roadworthiness be renamed 'Safety Certificate'.

Next Meeting:

Friday 9 November 1990 at 1.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 4.55 pm.

Confirmed this

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*November*

1990.

*Ken Ardill*

Chairman