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A meeting of the Travelsafe Committee was held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 19 May 1992 at 1.30 pm.

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**Present:**

Mr Ardill (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Springborg, Goss, Dollin, Lester and Fenlon.

In attendance - Mr R Downey, Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 1992 were accepted and confirmed. Moved, Ms Bird seconded Mr Fenlon.

**Correspondence:**

Adopted moved Mr Dollin seconded Mr Springborg.

- Horan - compulsory third party property cover
- Bryan - Bicycle Safety Report
- Rolley - trained "Road Marshalls"
- Wilson - hand held car telephones
- New - civilian policing of the Traffic Act

**Next investigation:**

Mr Downey related details of a meeting held with Department of Transport officers regarding the current level research and knowledge about pedestrian and bicycle safety.

The Committee reaffirmed their intention to conduct an inquiry into pedestrian and bicycle safety. It was proposed that, if possible, public hearings would be held in Brisbane in early July and regional hearings in the first week of August. Centres for regional hearings are likely to be Cairns, Rockhampton and Maryborough. However, further research will be done by Mr Downey into suitable centres.

Furthermore, Mr Downey will compile a list of tasks to be done before a public hearing with time needed to complete them. He will discuss the list with the Chairman who will determine if the time available allows hearings to be conducted as proposed.

The Committee supported Mr Downey's suggestion to second a Senior Research Officer from the Department of Transport to assist with the investigation. Mr Downey will undertake the necessary action.

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Next meeting:

Tuesday 16 June 1992 at 1.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 2.25 pm.

Confirmed this

16<sup>th</sup>

day of

June

1992.

*Ken Arditt*

Chairman

## Non-Driver Behaviour (Pedestrians and Cyclists)

### Current Activity

Paper to the Minister outlining enforcement of a bicycle offence system (including helmet penalties). Also look to provide a complete infrastructure to develop, implement and maintain the system.

A meeting of all State road authorities (except W.A. and N.T.) was held 1-2 weeks ago. Looking to get a National Pedestrian Safety Strategy on the National/Federal agenda. Consequently, FORS is preparing a paper to the National Road Trauma Council

### Umbrella Issues

shifting demand

bicycle infrastructure in cities

transport interchanges

integration into normal traffic

secure parking for bicycle

safer road environment for bicycles and pedestrians

police need an effective enforcement infrastructure to lift the profile safety issues surrounding peds and cyclists

ALL ABOVE ISSUES REFER TO AMENITIES AND ACCESS

### Specific Issues

unreported inappropriate ped and cyclist behaviour - also reported accidents are believed to be only a small number of accidents that actually occur - how do you attack this??

lack of data regarding crash involvement - national consolidation of data

police culture and how they view enforcing regs upon peds and cyclists i.e. not a big issue with police; they don't consider it important.

Cairns and Rockhampton fatalities in bicycle accidents comprise about 10% of State toll in this area

in the long term, ped and cyclist safety is dependent upon urban design and planning

promote an understanding of peds and how they fit into the road network

safety of residential streets for young peds as most young ped fatalities occur in these streets

safety of arterials and collectors for cyclists as most young cycle fatalities occur on these streets

#### Other Suggested Topics

Compulsory Blood Testing for ALL road accident victims - currently no requirement in Qld to test all victims for BAC. RBT tests All people and ALL people involved in reported minor accidents are tested BUT victims involved in major accidents are taken directly to hospital and NOT tested. If this was corrected, widely publicised and promoted, it would assist in deterring drink-driving.

RBT and drink-driving in rural areas. Currently not enforced very much. Why?? Culture?? distances?? lifestyle??

Speed Cameras - investigate all the issues; develop a framework for policy development and implementation; implementation strategy; can set the scene so that when and if they are introduced in Queensland, it is done RIGHT. Need not recommend but can establish a framework; some guidelines.

Any issue that addresses conflict between stakeholders in the community i.e. Travelsafe could investigate it with a view to resolving the issue.

A better go at bicycle safety

#### Other Info

"Puffin" interactive crossings being trialled in UK.