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Do drink drivers in Queensland continue to drive illegally after being apprehended by police or disqualified by the courts?

yes

What are the costs and benefits of vehicle impoundment and forfeiture?

Costs - people do not have a vehicle to use; Benefits - they should not have the privilege of driving if they have repeatedly demonstrated that they cannot follow the road rules and continue put the lives of others at risk; it is a logical consequence ie tied to the actual behaviour; the seriousness of the penalty matches the seriousness of killing people

Should vehicle impoundment or key confiscation be used in Queensland to prevent drink drivers from repeating or continuing the offence?

Absolutely

Can other recidivist drink driving countermeasures be used to improve the effectiveness of vehicle sanctions? How?

It should be used in conjunction with removal of driver's licences for lengthy periods or permanently. Media reporting of offenders who cause motor vehicle accidents would also increase the accountability of these people.

How effective are the existing penalties under the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 in reducing repeat drink driving?

obviously not good enough - even if you get caught, the sentences are light

Should the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 be amended to include drink driving as a 'prescribed offence' enabling police officers to impound drink drivers' vehicles?

yes

What effect, if any, do successful appeals against licence suspension or disqualification have on drink driving behaviour and existing penalties for drink driving?

They demonstrate that you can avoid the consequences if you can have a good argument - it should be you do the crime you do the time!

Should the appeals process for drink driving be tightened to reduce the incidence of successful appeals in Queensland?

yes - it should be an exceptional case that is appealed