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

Absolutely, I have constantly read in the paper and been told by friends, who are Police Officers and Solicitors, of drivers being caught driving again and again. This is not just drink drivers but people who are disqualified for other reasons too.

Is this a significant number of drivers?

Yes

How often do drink drivers in Queensland continue to do this?

Daily - This is not just drink drivers but people who are disqualified for other reasons too.

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

Costs - all costs should be passed to the offender, if he/she is stupid enough to drive while disqualified, then they have NO regard for the law and will continue to thumb their nose at society. If friends/family are silly enough to loan their cars to these people knowing they are disqualified, then too bad. Benefits - many, mainly safer roads and gets the repeat idiots off the road.

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

YES - A normal person will not flout the law and get caught in the first place. If however a normal person is stupid and drinks and drives, and is caught, he will not do so again. These repeat offenders do not exhibit normal behaviour and as such have a blatant disregard for the law. Some even drive to and from court after being disqualified. This (impoundment) should be extended to ALL disqualified drivers for ALL repeat offences when disqualified.

Would other vehicle sanctions help reduce the amount of repeat drink driving? Which sanctions?

Same as the

Would these vehicle sanctions work in conjunction with vehicle impoundment and key confiscation?

Yes

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

The current laws only work in deterring a normal citizen from reoffending. Most repeat offenders (be they drink drivers, speeders etc) display anti-social behaviour and blatant disregard for the laws. By removing the vehicle and a primary asset this would be a huge deterrent to such people.

Are the powers provided to police to manage drink driving under the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 enough?

No

How effective is the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 in reducing the number of individuals driving carelessly, dangerously, in racing or speed trials or in a way that makes unnecessary noise or smoke?

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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?

ABSOLUTELY - yes

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

If procedures are not followed then the defendant will have a right to appeal. Stricter guidelines for police and especially more time allocated to police to prepare for court will stop most appeals being succesful.

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

No - if the defendant can prove a flaw in their conviction they should be able to appeal. Police Officers and DPP require more time/training to prepare for court to ensure a conviction and allowing no chance of appeal.

Is vehicle impoundment and key confiscation legislation successful in reducing the number of recidivist drink drivers in other Australian jurisdictions and overseas?

As far as I know no other Australian states have this law. QLD should lead the way.

Should Queensland introduce legislation that is consistent with the legislation in other Australian jurisdictions?

QLD should lead the way for once. When other states will see how successful we are, then all will follow. QLD will get the glory, instead of always being a sheep.