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

Most definitely YES. Current penalties are little more than mozzie bite on the buttocks, a joke.

Is this a significant number of drivers?

Based on Police statistics Most definitely YES.

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

Whenever they want. What is there to stop them. They ignore the courts, they ignore the Police. Other than put them in JAIL, who is going to stop them. Impoundment or key confiscation will only work on the first and second time offenders, NOT on habitual offenders?

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

I see absolutely no benefits in this proposal. I ask a)Who is going to pay for the vehicle to be collected (impounded) b)who is going to manage the vehicle pound c)how many vehicle pounds will have to be built d)who is going to pay the wages of staff and security On the subject of cost: It would be cheaper to put repeat offenders in JAIL

What are the costs and benefits of ignition key confiscation?

There should be very little cost involved in confiscating keys and depositing them at the Police station to be collected by the offender after a given period, say 24 hours. This may work for first or second time offenders but will most definitely not work for repeat offenders.

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

Most definitely NO. The only punishment repeat offenders understand is JAIL TIME

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

Fines, Demerits, Licence Cancellation, these penalties are little more than a joke. Education and Advertising only has a limited effect but only on the converted. NOT on the habitual offender. If the Government is serious about cutting the road toll they MUST introducing a MANDATORY SENTENCING system MOST URGENTLY. IE. Three Traffic violations, Drink Driving, Speeding or Dangerous Driving over a twelve month period and the offender goes to jail for a minimum of week. Fourth violation, two weeks, in jail and so on. No if, No buts, No hardship Bu****t. VERY harsh, draconian perhaps, but VERY effective. JAIL TIME and a RECORD is the ONLY penalty the Habitual offender will UNDERSTAND.

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

NO, the repeat offender would be in JAIL and would not need a vehicle

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

There is a VERY OBVIOUS lack of POLICE PRESENCE. INCREASE POLICE NUMBERS. It is very concerning that the nearest Police Station, in my case, Noosa Heads, is closed on Weekends and on Public Holidays (a one man Police Beat in Hasting Street is open during this period to handle over zealous tourists). A weekend or public holiday emergency would require Police from Maroochydore or Nambour to travel attend, a distance of 40Km. In the 5 years I have lived on _____ I have never seen a patrol car, Police Motor Cycle or even a Bobby on a Bycylcle. day or night

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

ABSOLUTELY USELESS. For the first or second time offender they are little more than a nuisance. But to the habitual offender they are little more than a joke.

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

The current laws are appropriate, although there are insufficient Police to enforce them.

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?

Yes, this will help to deter first and second time offenders

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

This is the biggest joke imposed on Queensland society since the advent of chewing gum. There is little point in the suspension or disqualification of a licence (penalty) if the offender is allowed to repeat the offence, with the courts blessing and the tool commit the offence.

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

Most definetly YES.

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

Unknown

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

Preferrably