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

Yes, they certainly do.

Is this a significant number of drivers?

Yes, certainly.

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

You should know the answer to that one!

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

The costs would be negligible if fees to release the impounded vehicle had to be paid by the offender. The benefits are obvious! The drink/driver is removed off the road so consequently lives are saved..theirs and undoubtedly others too.

What are the costs and benefits of ignition key confiscation?

Costs would be negligible because the offender would have to pay to retrieve them after a suitable period. 24 hours minimum suggested.

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

It obviously should. I find it incredible that you have to ask this question! Just who are you trying to shield?

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

Vehicles should be removed from a drink/driver at every offence. Laws in this country are far too soft and if they are not enforced the results are there for all to see.

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

Of course. A drink driver is exactly the same as a person standing in the street holding a loaded gun. Until the authorities realise this, you will still be facing this same problem year after year.

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

Re training drivers. A drivers license should not be an automatic right. It is a privilege.

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

I do not know what the penalties are exactly, but they are obviously not working or perhaps they are just not being enforced. Where I live you rarely see a police car on the road and in 9 years living in this area I have seen only 2 people pulled over by the Police! Trade vehicles are generally overload with pipes, carpet rolls wooden planks etc all extending way beyond the vehicle but nothing is ever done to stop this.

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

Whatever the powers are they are obviously not enough or not imposed which is the more likely scenario around here.

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?

The whole problem is that there are not enough Police on the roads at all. You can travel for hundreds of kilometres and never see one. Traffic blitzes at holiday times are highlighted and then after the season and all the handwringing etc over the number of fatalities is over the usual indifference is back to normal.

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?

Definitely yes. They do so in New Zealand. Why is Australia so backward in this respect?

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

This just gives the offender the OK to go and do it again.

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

Undoubtedly. If you drink and drive, you have forfeited your right to drive. No ifs, no buts.

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

It obviously is in New Zealand. It reduced the road toll immensely. Also the confiscation of vehicles being driven by unlicensed drivers as well.

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

It should not only introduce legislation but it should also get the Police out there on the roads. There is far too much concentration on speed cameras (read income) and not enough people out there doing the job. Every year we hear the same old words re the road toll but this is a DAILY job, not just a holiday exercise. In a recent trip to New Zealand I saw more Police on the roads there in 2 weeks than I have seen in Queensland in the previous 7 years! That is your answer. Get out there, be seen and actually 'do the job'!! Recently, in Maleny, we saw 140 Police on site to ensure a supermarket was built. This happened for days on end! Can't find a Police car out on the highways though. Says it all. You can pass as many laws as you like, BUT, they are useless unless they are enforced!