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Submission to Inquiry into Vehicle Impoundment for Drink Drivers

Ref. Sec. (6) (6.1) There are practical considerations in the immediate impoundment of the vehicle, security etc.

(6,3) Special plates or stickers etc. These may inhibit the vehicle's use by other persons.

Ref. Sec (8.1) Penalties, before or subsequent to conviction. There is public debate as to the severity of penalties. However the perception of likelihood of apprehension is woefully inadequate. Also (your wording at 8.3) 'individuals may not be deterred from offending or repeating, if there is no actual or perceived serious consequences for their actions.'

There must be a vast improvement in this, starting from measures in all schools, audio-visuals for older pupils, etc.

Ref. (8.2) Sec.58-61 of 2000 Act. Must include 'drink driving' a similar prescribed offence if triggered by B.A.T. or other carefully controlled enforcement.

Ref. (8.4) Forfeiture of vehicle. Lack of knowledge or consent of owner is prescribed defense.

Finally - Alcohol is a drug

Many affected drivers have obtained alcohol from licensed premises.

Enforcement officers have been inhibited from adequately targeting roadways etc. adjacent to these premises. To this end, historically and today we have seen blatant political lobbying by those commercial interests involved in the alcohol trade.

Yours,

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