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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Kerri Walker. I am the mother of Sarah and Daniel Walker, who were both killed in a horrific head on collision near Tiaro on Easter Monday last year. Donald Gayler, a 66 year old solicitor from Hervey Bay, was charged with driving with undue care. He pleaded guilty to this charge. The coroner has made their recommendations to the government on three separate occasions, urging them to implicate harsher penalties. Having killed two people and severely injuring four others, Mr Gayler received a \$3000 fine and was suspended from driving for three months.

Mr Gayler had been traveling overseas on a 30+ hour flight from London to Brisbane and then proceeded to attempt to drive from Brisbane to Hervey Bay. Anyone with common sense would have booked a motel to stay at, even for a few hours rest, before getting behind the wheel. Mr Gayler's lack of common sense and driving ability resulted in me losing two of my children. If I can't get my children back, why should he get his license back? There needs to be an effective deterrent put in place. There are too many dangerous drivers on our roads taking the lives of our family members and leaving others permanently scarred.

These laws need to be changed, they need to be made to learn how to drive again. The younger generation have to go through testing to receive a learner's permit, including 100 hours of driving experience. They then must undergo more testing to be put onto provisional plates with driving restrictions. Heavier fines and jail time, suspension of license just doesn't seem to cut it. We all want safer roads, and it comes down to the drivers and their competencies. Drugs and alcohol can be detected but being over tired or jet lagged is just as dangerous. Taking age into factor is important as well, the older generation grew up with lighter road rules than we have now. They think the new rules don't apply to them. Innocent lives are being taken by people who can't drive competently.

I am urging the government to please consider making a new law, Walker's Law, to help make our roads a safer place. It is our right to feel safe on our roads and having our families drive those roads. Education and testing of disqualified drivers needs to happen. How many more lives have to be taken for actions to happen? Something needs to be done, these laws need to change.

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