

From: Dan Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 30 May 2019 10:59 AM
To: NI Legislation
Subject: Proposed changes to Norfolk Island road rules

Daniel Williams

Red Road, Norfolk Island

Proposed changes to traffic laws in NORFOLK ISLAND

I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES.

1. Recognising Australian provisional licences (P plates) in Norfolk Island
-No objection

2. Preventing injuries from ute tray riding
 - I OBJECT wholeheartedly to this change for the following reasons
 - Firstly this practice has been done here since the introduction of motor vehicles safely by both older residents and youth. It is done with full knowledge of the consequences if foolhardy behaviour is practiced. Unfortunately one mans [a tourist] STUPID and INTOXICATED [BAC of in excess of 0.320] behaviour led to his demise. He had been warned about his behaviour several times but failed to take heed of that advise.
Why would you punish the entire population for one mans folly?
 - This practice, like many here on Norfolk, are borne out of necessity. We do not drive at the kind of speed you do in Australia, our speed limit is maximum 50kmph. Many,many families only have one car/truck and for this reason family members ride SAFELY in the tray of the truck/utility. To change this would place an unfair financial liability onto those many households.

- 3. Reviewing laws applying to electric scooters and other mobility devices
 - I once again OBJECT to these proposed changes.
It is mostly our elder citizens who operate these electric scooters/mobility devices to maintain their VERY IMPORTANT self respect and INDEPENDANCE. Again this practice is done in a safe

manner and will continue to be so. Many of these elderly are already under MASSIVE financial hardship because of UNJUST RULES/LAWS introduced ILLEGALLY upon us here by the Australian Govt.

4. Enabling removal of abandoned vehicles

- No objection

5. Dangerous driving

- I cannot agree to these proposed changes in any way, shape or form. How can anybody even begin to think that they can control peoples driving behaviour ON PRIVATE PROPERTY? This is one of the most ridiculous things I have ever heard!

6. Drink driving

-only one objection and that is the installation of interlock systems. This would just be an UNWORKABLE knee jerk situation. We already have adequate drink driving laws on island.

7. Drug driving

- I again object to these proposed changes. There already exists provision for police to test for illegal substances whilst people are operating motor vehicles.

8. Authority for police to immediately suspend a driver's licence

- I strongly object to this too for the simple reason that a person SHOULD NOT be unfairly punished by biased police because of the huge waiting times for court dates set here.

All further proposed changes are STRONGLY OBJECTED to as well. DIRDC have in my opinion any dur striction on NORFOLK ISLAND and it would appear are only hell bent on forcing the remaining population from their RIGHTFUL HOME.

Daniel Williams