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After reading your Consultation Paper 23 it is indeed a complicated matter ranging from the persons who act negligently when using a vehicle, injuring or killing 3<sup>rd</sup> party victims and the affect on family and friends to having the matter dealt with at law. I have previously commented on repeat offenders whose records show repeated and various offences and wilfully flout the current driving laws with no thought of the aftermath of their actions. The only time theses offenders become responsive is when they have been caught and how can get out of the mess they caused.

Your paper talks about the various degrees of harm i.e. manslaughter, GBH, ABH etc all serious charges however the examples I provided of repeat offenders in my first email shows there is a serious disconnect between demonstrated repeat offenders and the punishment handed down by the courts. The courts appear to take a soft approach in applying the existing laws creating disillusionment for the families of deceased persons and/or the victims. I have repeatedly included examples of mild punishments handed out by the courts and these seem to be the norm and will continue.

The legal system needs to be less lenient in its slap on the wrist judgements and apply more severe punishment as befits persons with driving histories reflecting multiple road offences (repeated drink driving offences, driving while unlicensed with drugs in their system, repeated speed offences etc). From my research this seems to be ignored by the courts and mild leniency applied. So, what does it take to make this happen? Will this serious road crime review recommend the changes and increased sentencing that must occur?

The approach by the courts should be “if you transgress in your actions and injure/kill others then you must be responsible and pay for your actions”. None of this “you have six previous drink driving charges on your record the magistrate will give you community service for the next drink drive offence”. This type of offender has no intention of changing his drink habits and it is this lack of community responsibility that they be suitably punished and get them off the roads. The public is sick and tired of hearing slap on the wrist punishments which is no deterrent value what so ever.

We were taught as little kids to be responsible for our actions however my opinion is the legal system takes the soft approach as the easy way out and this has crept into our system as the norm and is unacceptable.

The public is now calling for harsher penalties for deaths and serious injury caused by these

hoons so let this review get serious about punishing those who have disregard for road laws and others safety. I don't mind if this is published with my name to it in your report.

Regards,  
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