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Hi Team,

Just submitting a public opinion. I've added demographic information so that context of information is clear.

Age: 21

License Status: P2 Plater with MR

Offences: Never Received

Residence: Western Sydney

Just wanted to submit a brief opinion based on the new reform of Serious Driving Offences. I just wanted to highlight the importance of leniency on younger drivers who may make poor "in the moment" decisions due to lack of insight and impulse control. These drivers are often involved in high-speed collisions at the fault of their own: as seen in the tragic Buxton car accident. However, leniency is suggested from a psychological perspective as increasing the punishment won't make a major change in behaviour. I believe that these offences include a maximum sentence well beyond what is needed to create deterrence of unsafe behaviour. As Job (2022) explains, public policy on speeding, and in extension dangerous driving, should incorporate a 'chain-like' thought process which includes 'likelihood of enforcement'. That is that drivers must have a thought of "will I get caught." Thus, I believe that increasing high-visibility is more essential in dangerous driving reform as opposed to creating harsher laws.

Furthermore, harsher laws impact young people more severely as impulse control continues to grow through young-adulthood. Therefore, increasing dangerous driving severity will disproportionately impact these young drivers which may also impact their employability in future, or in some cases their current employment. As you know, on a public policy level, limiting employment opportunities for young people who may be at risk of committing dangerous acts or 'misdemeanours', increasing these infringements may also increase further misconduct in vulnerable groups.

Thank you again for the opportunity and I appreciate your readings of my statement.

Regards,

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