

Help for young drivers

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Last week I commented on our approach to drink driving. **There is a similarity with safe sex and anti-smoking campaigns.** The robust safety messages that were pushed out in the 80s and 90s had many benefits, and I had started to hope that drinking and driving would fade away as an issue; as drinking and driving became as socially unacceptable as the other ills – sadly I was over optimistic.

Young drivers, and in particular 17 – 25 year old men, remain disproportionately represented in those killed and seriously injured on our roads, **and in causing death, injury and misery for others;** through poor judgment, reckless driving, excessive speed and over estimation of their own skills. Dispiritingly but unsurprisingly they are even more prone to cause mayhem when driving with more than one passenger.

Throughout this year we will be rigorously targeting this age group. We will discriminate against those who have already offended more than once. And we will offer praise and encouragement to responsible young drivers **and will seek to develop more ways of educating young drivers and raising their awareness;**

Indeed in the three months leading up to the Christmas drink drive campaign we visited work places, schools and colleges and **spoke to 2,100 young drivers.**

We will also be absolutely unremitting in ensuring that anyone who is disqualified from driving is caught if they break their ban.

The PPP comments Over 7 years into the so called Arrive Alive campaign (The perfect Logo when they are parking the van in the entrance to a crematorium) during which time Ahari and his bushwackers victimised 400,000 mostly decent hardworking and capable drivers by abusing every aspect of the Speed Camera policy(all with the tacit approval of the unholy alliance). They lied and cheated and broke many laws, all with impunity. For what?, MONEY, our money primarily for their salaries. Daily our members report that these Scams by the Scum in NWPF continue, every single location is devoid of any road safety factor and equally useless in dealing with this issue. When we attempted to discuss our (revolutionary) ideas to improve education and training the head of Roads Policing CS Churton was instructed, by his hand wringing boss ACCC Shannon, NOT to Communicate with us. We do understand that having failed so miserably such a meeting could be embarrassing for Shannon. We would level a greater degree of autonomy expect at CS, BUT not in Brunstrom's fiefdom!