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Inquiry into the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic

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Dear Chair,

To improve safety for users of Canberra's road system, I suggest the following:

1. Mark (paint) the speed zone on all roads (where practical), as has recently commenced in the city.
2. Where signage or road markings provide that there exists a bicycle lane on a roadway, ensure that the road surface is consistently marked.
 - a. For example, replicate the cycle-lane road markings that exist on Marcus Clarke St. on all ACT roads (compare with Drake-Brockman Drive, Higgins, where there exists signage indicating on-road cycling lanes and sufficient space to paint marked cycle lanes).
3. Increase the number of bicycle lane symbols painted on, on-road cycling lanes.
 - a. Suggest a painted symbol every 200 metres
4. Standardise arterial road speed limits that are currently 80km/h, to 70km/h
 - a. my point here is to reduce the number of speed zone changes
 - b. Consider introduction of electronic variable speed zone signs on:
 - i. Parkes way
 - ii. William Hovell Drive
 - iii. Tuggeranong Parkway
5. Increase the speed on William Hovell Drive to 90km/h
6. Decrease the speed on Parkesway from 90km/h to 80km/h
 - a. It makes little sense to increase the speed limit closer to the city, where there exists more traffic in peak driving times.
7. Increase the number of fixed speed and red-light cameras
8. Amend legislation to reflect the use of electronic devices to be a criminal offence
 - a. Recent ACT Govt. advertising on Facebook shows that distracted drivers are as dangerous as intoxicated/drugged drivers - why shouldn't the law be changed if the outcome of distracted driving can result in the same harm that drunk-driving?

Thank-you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours sincerely,
Gerard Gough

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