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Strong response to RACT road safety survey, make sure you have your say

It's not too late for Tasmanians to have their say in the RACT's road safety survey, which will inform the organisation's submission to the Legislative Council Road Safety Inquiry.

RACT Chief Advocacy Officer Garry Bailey said the survey had already received responses from close to 1,000 Tasmanians since its launch last week, calling for more to make their voices heard before the survey closed on 13 August.

"We're grateful for the number and quality of the responses we've seen so far, which show that Tasmanians are willing to get behind a push to improve road safety in the state," Mr Bailey said.

"However with the right to be safe while using our roads such an important one, we want to hear from even more Tasmanians about what's needed to improve safety and reduce traumatic events.

"Tasmania's road death rate is 6.6 people for every 100,000 population, more than twice as high as Victoria, and more than three times as high as Norway, the world leader in road safety.

"Every piece of information we can gather to help reduce the road fatality rate in Tasmania is absolutely worthwhile and I encourage everyone to take five minutes out of their day to have their say."

Survey results so far show that nearly 70 per cent of respondents are concerned with road infrastructure projects, relating to contractors and funding, as well as road design and construction.

A further 45 per cent are concerned with road quality and maintenance, while sixty per cent of respondents want to see improved education in schools and refresher courses for drivers of all ages at specific intervals.

Another 51 per cent support the provision of vehicle safety certificates through regular roadworthiness checks.

To provide their feedback, Tasmanians can visit <https://www.ract.com.au/community/advocating-change/road-safety-inquiry/have-your-say> and complete the survey before 13 August.