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RACT calls for Estimates focus on road safety

The RACT is calling for road safety to be front and centre in this week's Estimates hearings.

Chief Advocacy Officer, Garry Bailey, said that there were a number of issues that should be discussed, debated and scrutinised as part of the committee process.

"Overall, we think the budget sets out a clear agenda for the State, but our members are telling us that more needs to be done to improve road safety," Mr Bailey said.

"Our members are concerned about road maintenance, with the state of the Bass Highway between Devonport and Launceston just the latest example.

"We would also like to hear more about the new road safety cameras that the Government intends to roll out and how they will be used to improve safety.

"The budget also included funding for Wielangta Road, but what is the Government's long-term plan?

"The Government committed to preparing ten year plans for each of Tasmania's major roads and we would like to see a clear timeline for the development of the plans and a commitment to fully fund them so that the community can see how these roads will be upgraded and the civil sector can understand when the upgrades will happen and prepare for that.

"Finally, with the Legislative Council Inquiry into Road Safety progressing, we would like to see a firm commitment from the Government that they have the capacity to fund any recommendations included in the Inquiry's final report.

"We welcome the Government's ongoing commitment to improving our roads and keeping Tasmanians safe and we look forward to hearing more detail about the Government's plans as part of the Estimates process."