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Unity ticket for landmark road safety policy

RACT is pleased that regardless of the outcome of this weekend's state election, Tasmania will soon have a nation-leading road safety education program rolled out in secondary schools.

All major parties and key independents have committed to implementing the RACT's \$8 million Driving for Life program.

RACT CEO Mark Mugnaioni said with 67 young Tasmanians killed or seriously injured on our roads each year, it was time for a different approach.

"We are commending a new chapter in Tasmanian road safety," Mr Mugnaioni said.

"A united vision, with cross-party commitment, ensures that no matter the outcome of Saturday's election, Tasmania is dedicated to a different, better approach to road safety – one that invests in the lives of our young people and fosters a safer generation of drivers.

"We are proud that, amidst diverse views, finding solutions for road safety is something we can all agree on."

RACT will work with other road safety stakeholders to design and deliver a comprehensive road safety education program which will:

- **Engage** young drivers with practical and school-based sessions from the start.
- **Empower** learner drivers and their families with the guidance they need.
- **Support** disadvantaged youth to safely gain their driving hours.

Mr Mugnaioni thanked RACT members and the broader community who had supported the campaign.

"This policy was developed in response to strong feedback from RACT's 215,000 members of the need to improve road safety education and training.

"In our most recent member survey, 95 per cent of respondents supported road safety programs being embedded in schools.

"We are pleased to have been able to use our advocacy to secure this commitment on behalf of our members and all Tasmanians."