

Member Panel report, June 2020: **road safety strategy**



In June 2020, we asked our members a range of questions about what they think should be the priorities for South Australia's next road safety strategy. Over 550 members responded: here's a summary of the findings.

Members rank improving road safety as the top transport priority for the SA Government to address.

- From a list of nine transport policy areas, 32% ranked improving road safety as the number 1 priority and 61% ranked it in the top 3 priorities.
- Most members only feel "fairly safe" using SA's roads, with their top concerns being drink and drug driving, road user distraction/inattention and poorly maintained roads.

95% of members have been on the receiving end of road rage when using the road.

- The most common forms experienced are intimidating driving (e.g. tailgating or swerving) and rude hand gestures.

Most roads infrastructure initiatives tested with members received high levels of support.

- Support is highest for upgrading rest areas and unsafe roads, eliminating the maintenance backlog and publishing AusRAP ratings.
- There are mixed views on requiring safety outcomes as part of all road upgrades and on extending cycle lane operating hours.

Most vehicle initiatives tested with members are highly supported and all have majority support.

- Support is highest for displaying vehicle safety ratings at point of sale, abolishing stamp duty and requiring 5-star safety ratings for public passenger vehicles.

Speed initiatives tested with members that promote greater compliance with existing speed limits received high levels of support, whereas initiatives to reduce speed limits had lower levels of support and substantial levels of opposition.

- Support is highest for more vehicle activated speed signs, greater use of intelligent speed adaptation and more average speed cameras.
- Support is lowest for widespread use of 40 km/h limits on local residential streets and in the Adelaide CBD
- Among regional members, support for speed limit reductions on high speed roads is fairly low.

Most people initiatives tested with members received high levels of support.

- Support is highest for more road safety school education, offender rehabilitation courses and more driver training around vulnerable road users.
- There are more mixed views on investing in more media campaigns and on medical assessments at licence application and renewal.

We'd like to know your thoughts on key issues regarding motoring, road safety, travel and tourism. If you haven't already signed up for RAA's Member Panel, you can do so [here](#).