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**Which area/s of the draft Strategy are you commenting on (select all that apply):**

Other/not listed

**What is your primary area of interest in road safety?**

The relationship between climate and weather phenomena and the variability of the annual road toll both at State level and nationally crashes - My work show in Victoria or south-east Australia it strongly aligns with both the annual road toll or daily casualty crash numbers, which are cyclic and vary on a typically two-week cycle aligning in Victoria with the Southern Annular Mode. Low-pressure systems and troughs can be highly correlated to crashes as can extreme summertime temperatures. The many manifestations of weather can be shown to have a higher impact on crashes than most or the commonly cited causes of crashes

**What road safety issues are the most important to address?**

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**What do you believe are the strengths of this draft Strategy?**

more of the same old just strategy dressed in new clothes - we need to critique why we plateaued in the past decade- this was because the nature of crashes changed and the RS programs focused on very narrow agenda's infrastructure and bad driver rather than understanding that good driver die too and are caught out by surprises beyond human capability. which cannot be simply classified as human error

**Is there anything important that you think is missing from this draft Strategy?**

please read my Churchill Fellowship on Road Safety

[https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/SCEI/Inquiry\\_into\\_the\\_Increase\\_in\\_Victorias\\_Road\\_Toll\\_/QONs/Gaffney\\_J\\_2016\\_Road\\_Safety\\_on\\_Urban\\_Motorways\\_optimised.pdf](https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/SCEI/Inquiry_into_the_Increase_in_Victorias_Road_Toll_/QONs/Gaffney_J_2016_Road_Safety_on_Urban_Motorways_optimised.pdf)

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