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

The themes – safe roads, safe road use, safe vehicles and speed management

What is your primary area of interest in road safety?

Safe road use for everyone and safe vehicle operation of all vehicles on the road. Education ,Education, Education, for motorist, on how to drive with heavy vehicles around them.

Keeping a safe distance is non existent in a heavy vehicle. As soon as you leave good distance a car or two take that space. We need education and the use of technology such as a heavy vehicle simulator when acquiring a car/motorbike licence. This would go along way in educating motorist of the difficulties heavy vehicle drivers face on a daily basis. People forget that the truck is a work place...how many people come home from work with a story to tell ,daily, about near misses because of others inability to drive in a safe manner around a heavy vehicle or traffic in general. This would not happen in a normal work place!

What road safety issues are the most important to address?

City roads are far too congested, especially now, after Covid. Drivers are frustrated before they get in their car, which leads to a greater risk for them and other drivers. The constant road works and interruptions on the city roads are frustrating for commuters also. Adding new lanes on the freeways is not making a scrap of difference to times, god help us if there is accident!

Developers need to be more accountable for constructing and up grading roads to their new housing estates on city outskirts. They can't just keep bringing more people to new suburbs with the original goat track in and out. They must be made to build roads to carry the traffic that they are contributing to!

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

It involves all roads uses and doesn't single out one party, it is a group effort!

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

Real life experience for politician and the government policy makers contributing to this strategy.

Sit your bum in the passenger seat of a heavy vehicle for a working week and get some perspective!

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