COMMUNITY ATTITUDES TO SPEED

Road Safety Attitudinal Tracking Research 2021

- Speeding is the leading behavioural factor in death and serious injury on our roads.
- About one-third of crashes involves inappropriate speed.
- The statistical relationship between speed and road safety is very consistent. When speed goes down, the number of accidents or injured road users also goes down in 95% of the cases. When speed goes up, the number of accidents or injured road users goes up in 71% of the cases.
- It is arguably the most difficult, challenging and controversial road safety issue, and there has not been a shift in attitudes and behaviour such as happened regarding drink driving.

Reference: Austroads 2021

AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF SPEEDING IS REMAINING STEADY





Only 1 in 4 of us believe speeding is the biggest cause of serious casualty crashes in Tasmania.



This has remained steady since



JUSTIFICATIONS FOR SPEEDING





of us justify speeding on familiar roads.





of us justify speeding to keep up with flow of traffic.



when we're running late.





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MORE OF US FIND SPEEDING ACCEPTABLE IN HIGHER SPEED ZONES



VS



of us find it acceptable to speed in 100km/h zones.

of us find it acceptable to speed in 60km/h zones.

MOST OF US AGREE ENFORCEMENT IS EFFECTIVE

52% of us agree that speed enforcement has been effective in reducing serious crashes.



MOST OF US AGREE THAT ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION DISCOURAGE SPEEDING



92%

Agree Police patrol checking for speeding drivers would discourage them.



87%

Agree speed cameras set up by the roadside would discourage them.



54%

Agree that advertising about the dangers of crashing if speeding would discourage them.



87%

Agree that increasing Police enforcement would discourage them.



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