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Tasmania's horror road toll figures cause for concern

The RACT has called for action following the release of the latest Australian Automobile Association (AAA) Benchmarking Road Safety report.

The report shows that, on a per capita basis, Tasmania had the highest rate of fatal accidents of any state.

“This is a real cause for concern,” said RACT’s Chief Member Experience Officer, Stacey Pennicott.

“With the COVID lockdown and fewer motorists on the road, you would hope that the number of fatalities would decline. However, 2020 is turning out to be one of the worst years on our roads in recent times.

“While other jurisdictions have also reported an increase, Tasmania’s figures should be a wakeup call to all of us.

“We welcomed additional road safety funding in the recent Federal Budget and we are calling on the State Government to invest heavily in road safety upgrades in its upcoming State Budget.

“While it is the Government’s responsibility to ensure that we have safe roads it’s up to all of us to play our part. As we head towards summer Tasmanians need to ensure they avoid the fatal five - speed, not wearing seat belts, alcohol and drugs, distraction and fatigue.”

Please click the following link to access the AAA report -

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1I9k1xnrzrkqi7/AACpRMbuOtj1--9idHOZtrBGa?dl=0>