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Greenpeace with Legs



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Meeting with NSW Planning Minister the Hon Rob Stokes

Wednesday 28 September 2016





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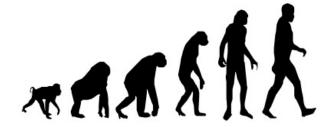
Prince Charles - (QUOTE):

"The whole of the 20th century has always put the car at the centre. So by putting the pedestrian first, you create these liveable places I think, with more attraction and interest and character ... liveability." click here to view



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In spite of this sound advice from our future king, pedestrians still remain at the bottom of the food chain



It took humans a million years to learn how to walk ...

And one generation to forget.

So, let's get walking again.





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The answers may lie in a recent study by TfNSW's Centre for Road Safety





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Very few people appear to think of themselves as 'pedestrians'

I am 'a driver'

I am in my car and have a specific 'hat' on, and a way of looking at the world around me – my car is an extension of me I am parking the car and crossing the road to get to the bank

I have not made an active decision to be 'a pedestrian' and so I am not in a that very particular frame of mind

I am 'a pedestrian'

I am in a very particular frame of mind... I am walking somewhere and have actively chosen to walk over using a different mode of transport

International Charter for Walking

Walking is the first thing an infant wants to do and the last thing an old person wants to give up. Walking is the exercise that does not need a gym. It is the prescription without medicine, the weight control without diet, and the cosmetic that can't be found in a chemist. It is the tranquilliser without a pill, the therapy without a psychoanalyst, and the holiday that does not cost a penny. What's more, it does not pollute, consumes few natural resources and is highly efficient. Walking is convenient, it needs no special equipment, is self-regulating and inherently safe. Walking is as natural as breathing.

John Butcher - Founder - Walk21 - 1999



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We must require our planners and those managing road safety in NSW to put pedestrians first, not last.



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ADVERTISING TRAILERS



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They are designed to distract drivers

They occupy valuable parking space often forcing other drivers to park illegally

They are an environmental blight

Owners pay no fees compared with owners of local businesses

They are often dangerously parked























The Department of Planning is proposing new regulations and penalties to address this problem. Penalties of \$1500 for individuals and \$3000 for corporations are being considered.

While this is a positive move, it contains an "o-ring":

DOUBLE JEOPARDY

Outdoor advertising is now the only sector of the advertising industry which is growing. It's incredibly lucrative.



This trailer (which incidentally was registered by the RMS as an "Advertising Trailer" was parked on the Wakehurst Parkway for well over a year.

The problem with the proposed penalties is they are subject to double jeopardy. Once the vehicles is booked, it cannot be booked again ... ever.

If this vehicle were parked on a footpath on a main road and not causing an obstruction, and was given a \$1500 penalty, it could remain there forever.

These "advertisers" are smart and dodgy. It won't take them long to discover that this is a cheap loop-hole and the problem will remain.

Parliamentary legal advisers don't like incremental fines. Why, I don't know. They have them in Victoria. In any event, the simplest solution is: "A new day brings a new offence."

Any vehicle parked on a parking meter or in a time zone can be booked every hour if the attending officer so wishes.

It's absurd to suggest we will look at this later. We won't. Policies and governments don't work that way. It must be addressed NOW!



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The Palm Beach Trailer Park

(All that is needed is a 10P zone)





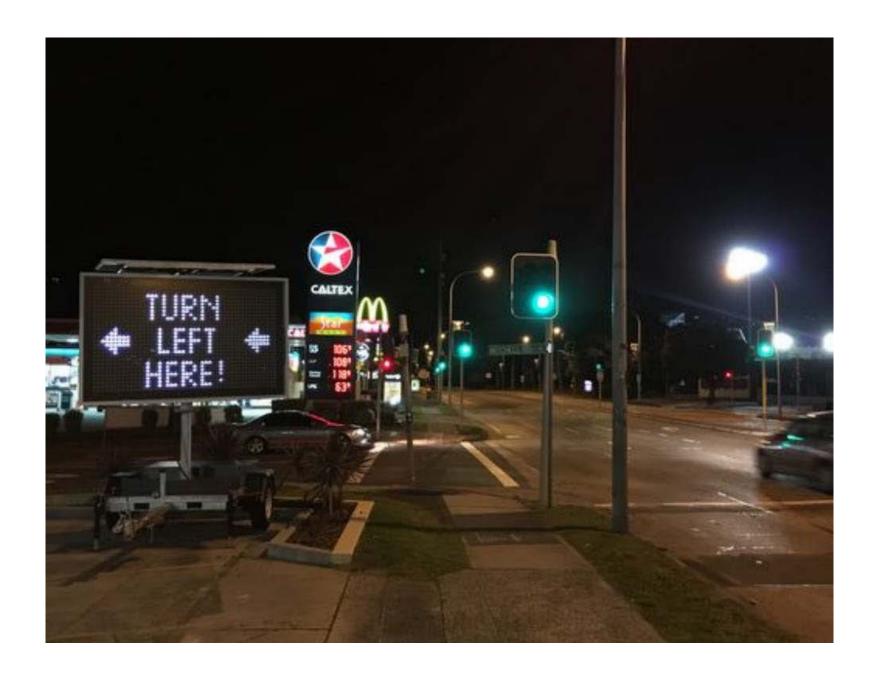
The entrance to Palm Beach Trailer Trash





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VMSs (for discussion – photos later)





The Private Property Dilemma



In Red, green and amber to match the traffic lights



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