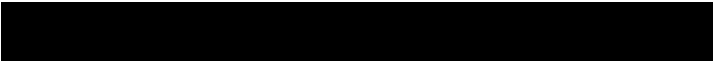


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Please accept my apology for the delay in providing this response.

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the Committee on Tuesday, 7 July 2020.

I have read the proof Hansard, and have found that no corrections to the transcript are needed.

From our reading of the transcript, there are two Questions on Notice to which we committed to respond with additional information. Our responses are detailed below:

- 1. On page 30 of the transcript, Mrs McArthur requested that Ms Glanville forward Maurice Blackburn's position statement on the progress of the government's road asset management transformation plan.**

I have made enquiries within the Maurice Blackburn team who work in the area of road accidents in Victoria, and found that there has not been any engagement with the government's Road Asset Management Transformation Plan – either in its development, or in any consultation process in relation to it.

Maurice Blackburn therefore does not have a position on the progress of the government's Road Asset Management Transformation Plan.

2. **On page 33 of the transcript, Ms Minogue offered to provide the Committee with some details about research she has read about disabling technologies.**

Maurice Blackburn staff have found the following research reports on disabling technologies instructive in our work related to driver distraction. We are pleased to recommend them to the Committee:

- (a) RACV research into the use of voluntary apps which disable technologies when a vehicle is in motion. Excellent reference list on pages 37 & 38.

https://www.racv.com.au/content/dam/racv/images/public-policy/reports/RACV_Voluntary%20Apps%20Report_WEB.pdf

- (b) This article from the US NSC discusses 911 over-rides, and provides a checklist of what features they believe constitute a good device blocking product:

<https://www.nsc.org/road-safety/safety-topics/distracted-driving/technology-solutions>

- (c) Research on the use of blocking technologies in an Australian workplace setting. A good source of user experience:

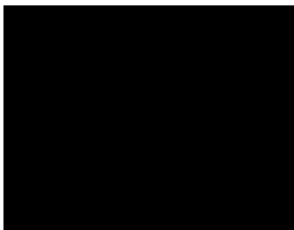
<https://acrs.org.au/article/an-examination-of-the-effectiveness-and-acceptability-of-mobile-phone-blocking-technology-among-drivers-of-corporate-fleet-vehicles/>


We trust this information will be of benefit to the Committee.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in the Committee's valuable work.

If the Committee identifies any way that Maurice Blackburn might further assist, please do not hesitate in making contact.

Yours faithfully,




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