

RAA Member Panel

Simplifying Outdated Legislation

As an advocate for motorists, RAA monitors and analyses motoring legislation, as well as the collection and spending of revenue collected from motorists.

The State Government is conducting a review of outdated legislation in South Australia. To inform our submission to the government on the issue, RAA went to the Member Panel to gain input from its members.

More than 90 per cent of respondents support RAA scrutinising how the State spends taxpayers money on road and transport projects, and were overwhelmingly supportive of greater transparency in budgetary spend and allocations to road transport projects.

Licencing

Currently there are many different licences issued by the State Government, with inconsistencies in the style and the need to carry each licence. For instance, boat licences are currently paper. Of the RAA Member Panel respondents who currently hold a boat licence, nine in ten believe that they should be plastic in line with other South Australian licences.

While nearly eight in ten respondents support all licences being coordinated onto one physical licence, there was hesitation to the concept of an electronic licensing system similar to the one New South Wales is implementing.

L and P platers

The laws that apply to novice drivers are different in each State and Territory. When asked, 96 per cent of RAA Member Panel respondents agree that driving restrictions for L and P platers should be consistent nationally.

Infringement and Enforcement

When it comes to infringements, there is no consistency across the different States and Territories in Australia, with a different fine and number of demerit points applied for the same offence.

South Australia is the only State to include a Victims of Crime levy on all traffic fines. When asked, nearly 75 per cent of respondents were aware the levy was added to all traffic infringements. However 60 per cent of respondents were not supportive of the levy being added to all traffic infringements.

When asked to consider safety cameras and their effectiveness in reducing crashes, less than 40 per cent of RAA Member Panel respondents agreed that safety cameras reduce crashes. Respondents also believe that stationary cameras are placed in areas of South Australia where they collect more revenue rather than assist in crash reduction.

Transfer of Ownership

Transfer of ownership is yet another area where RAA Member Panel respondents believe that there is an opportunity to simplify the system across jurisdictions through a harmonised process.

When asked, 72 per cent of respondents found the vehicle ownership transfer process user friendly. A majority of Member Panel respondents were aware of the need to use the most current registration papers for the transfer of ownership. However, 82 per cent would like the State Government to implement a process that is easier, quicker and more secure.

Roadway Clearways

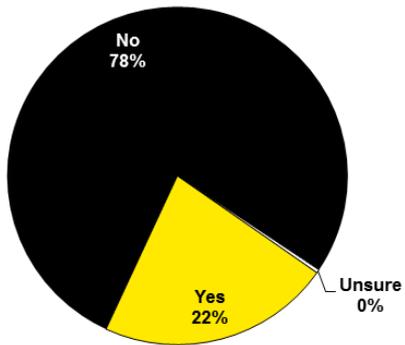
Most (94%) RAA Member Panel respondents felt that clearways are helpful at improving traffic flow in peak-hour traffic, while 70 per cent felt there should be more clearways on main roads.



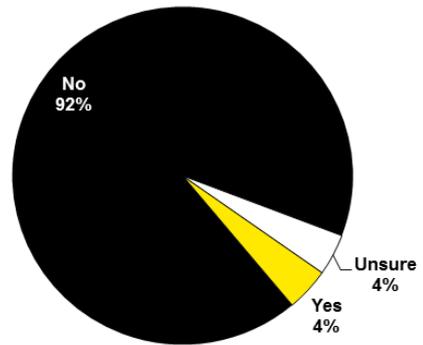
Appendix: Key Results

South Australian Legislation

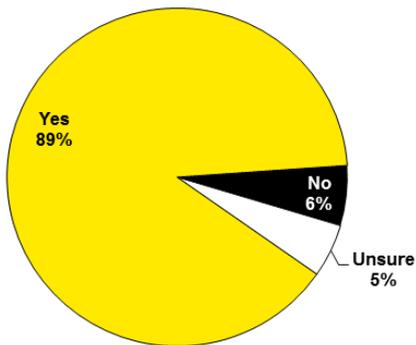
Do you have a boat licence?



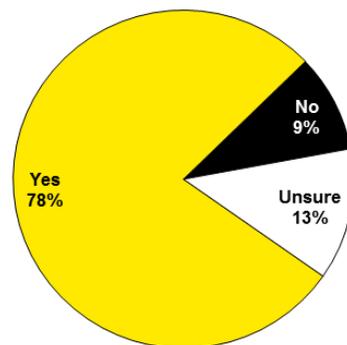
Are you planning on getting a boat licence in the near future?



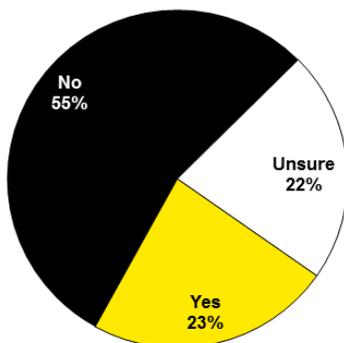
Do you believe boat licences should be plastic in line with all other issued licences?



Would you like to see all your current licences on the one physical licence?

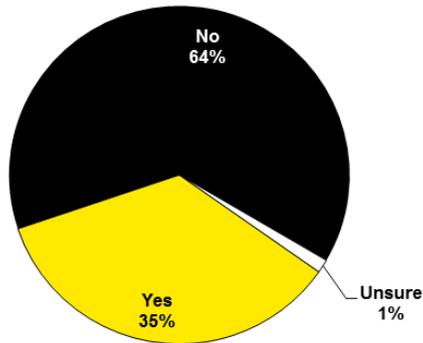


In some states of Australia they are considering introducing e-licencing. Do you believe the State Government should pursue this option?

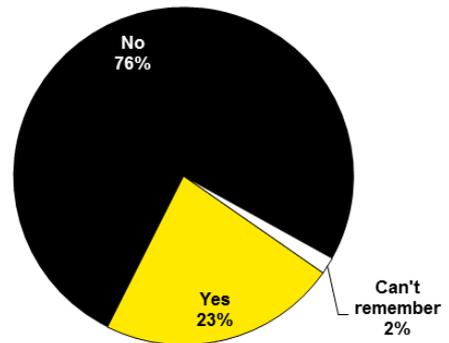


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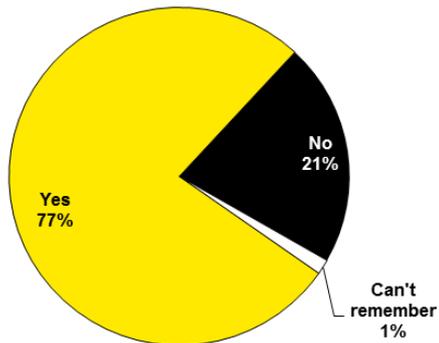
In the last few years have you received a traffic fine(s)?



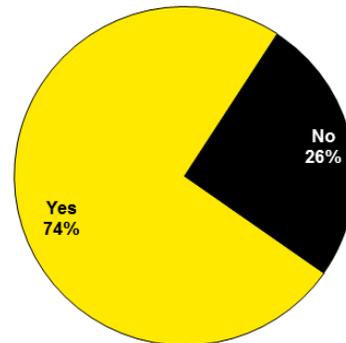
Have you ever needed to tell the authorities that a traffic fine sent to you was committed by someone else?



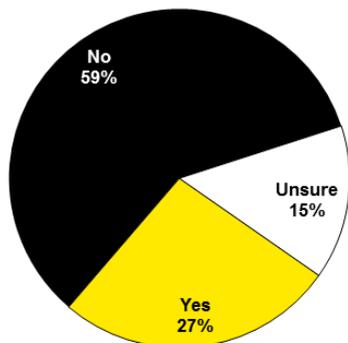
Did you find it easy to nominate the driver responsible for that traffic fine?



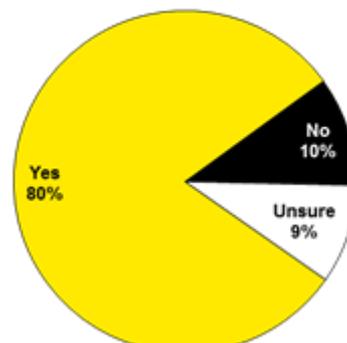
Did you know that a \$60 Victims of Crime levy is added to all traffic fines?



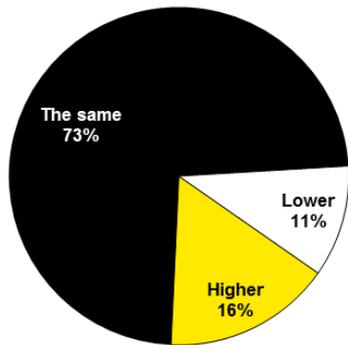
Do you think the Victims of Crime levy should be added to all traffic fines received by motorists?



Do you believe that all fines and penalties should be the same nationally?

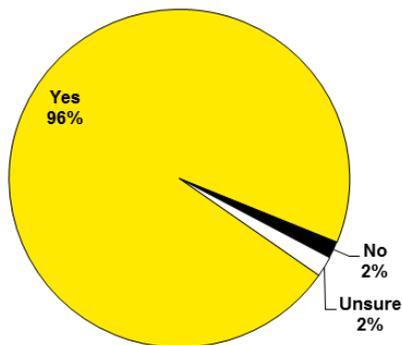


Do you think that the existing demerit point limit of 12 should be higher, lower or kept at the same level?



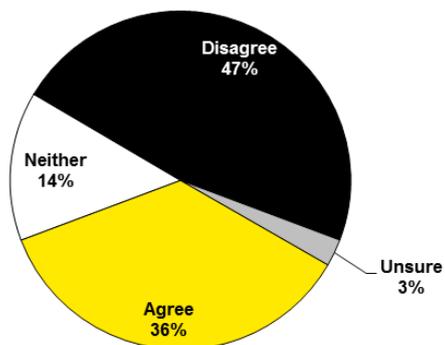
Licensing Anomalies

Do you think driving restrictions for L and P plate holders should be consistent nationally?

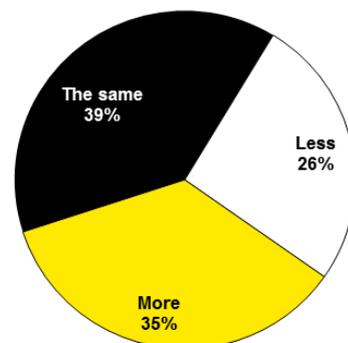


Speed Camera Infringements

How strongly do you agree or disagree safety cameras assist in reducing crashes on our roads?

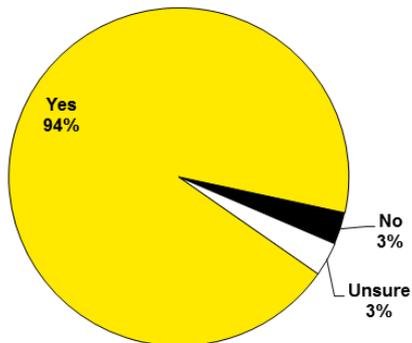


Would you prefer to see more or less safety cameras at intersections and main roads?

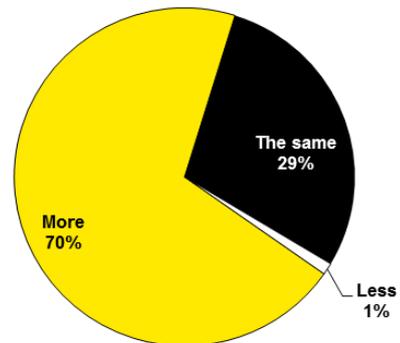


Roadway Clearways

Do you believe clearways assist traffic flow in peak period traffic?

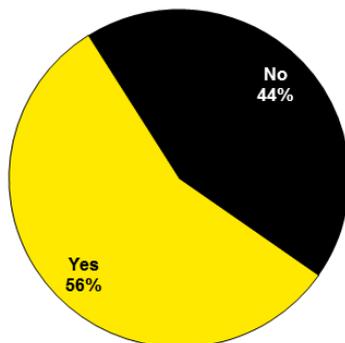


Do you think there should be more or less clearways on main roads?

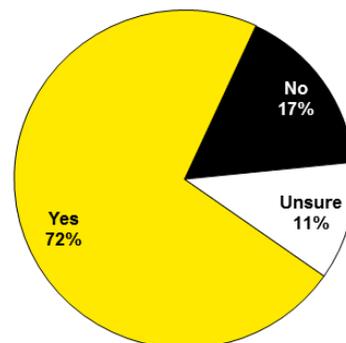


Transfer of Ownership and Vehicle Inspections

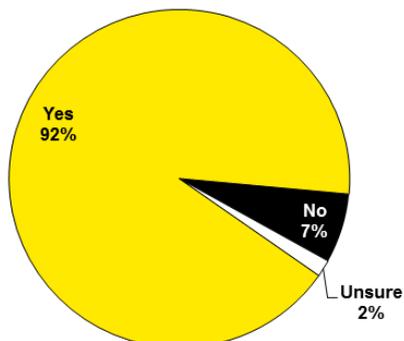
Have you sold a vehicle in the last few years?



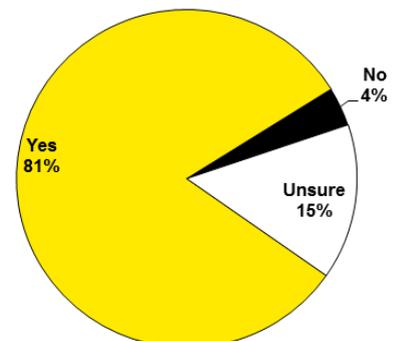
When you last sold a vehicle, did you find process of transferring ownership to be user friendly?



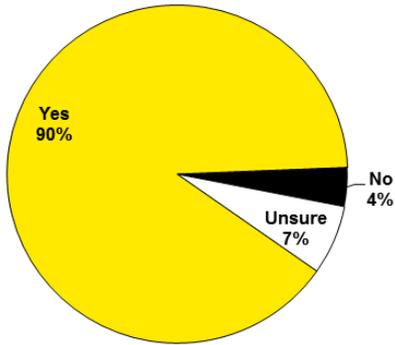
Did you know that you need to sign your vehicle's most current registration papers to change ownership on the vehicle you are selling?



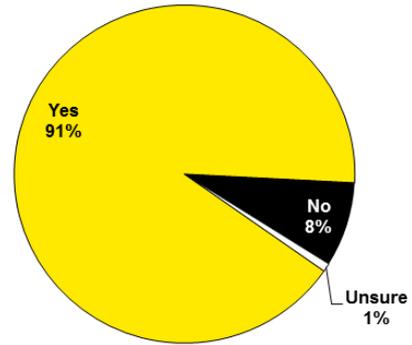
Would you like the State Government to provide an easy, quick but secure way to change vehicle ownership on the sale of a vehicle?



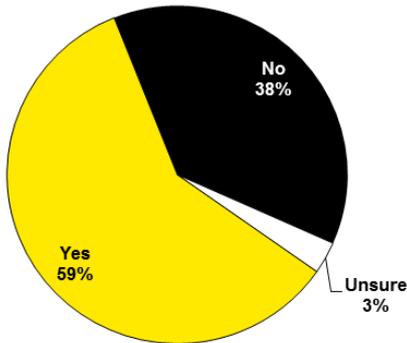
Do you believe the change of ownership process should be the same nationally?



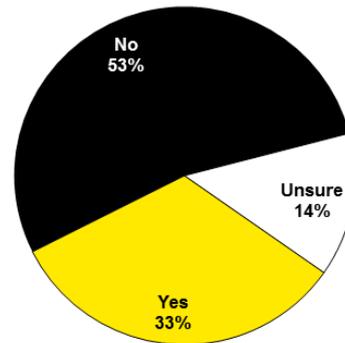
Did you know you must lodge a change in a vehicle's ownership with the Department of Transport within 14 days of purchasing a vehicle?



Did you know when you purchase a vehicle interstate that you will need the Department of Transport to inspect the vehicle before it can be registered in South Australia?

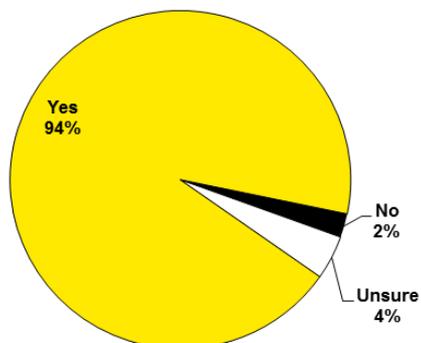


If the State Government removed the stamp duty tax payable when purchasing a vehicle, would you change your vehicle more frequently?

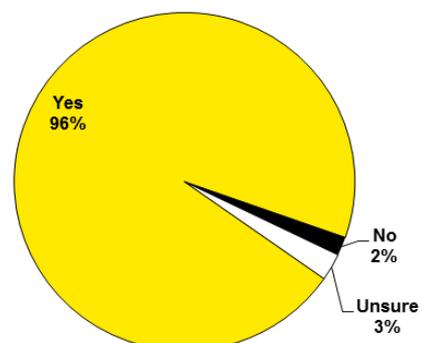


State Government Budget Papers

Should the State Government's Budget Papers clearly display how, where and when tax-payers monies are allocated to various road and transport projects?



Should the State Budget clearly display how much the Government has actually spent on road and transport projects rather than just forecasts?



Do you see RAA having a role in scrutinising the State Government's spending of tax-payers' monies on road and transport projects on members' behalf?

