

Hello - I think this review is a difficult but necessary task, and the issues paper is comprehensive.

I write about footpaths on classified roads, also known as state roads.

Footpaths on state roads are terrible because they 'fall between the cracks' of local/state bureaucracy and the framework shown in Figure 1 of the issues paper. I'd like this review to achieve greater clarity for the responsibility of footpath maintenance and amenity on state roads. Currently, it seems Transport is responsible for the road (kerb to kerb), and councils are responsible for footpaths, however this convention/assumption doesn't seem to be explicitly stated anywhere and the approach has resulted in disgraceful footpaths unless a property is redeveloped and the footpath is eventually replaced. I've seen a person with a wheeled mobility device (used due to injury) use the road on Parramatta Rd because the footpath surface is a mess and the device couldn't traverse it.

I don't know what the solution is and I ask that this problem be considered and hopefully addressed in the review.

The enormous and confusing framework (Figure 1 in issues paper) and its focus on the right of car/truck passage has no doubt contributed to the problem. It means 'new traffic professionals' rely on 'old traffic professionals' to learn the system and procedures which subsequently means any change is very slow. We can't keep adding to the framework.

All I can offer are questions below.

- Footpaths (and cycleways, road shoulders) are 'road related area' as defined in the Road Rules. Do paths for other modes need to be better identified instead of as ancillary component of the car/truck carriageway?
- Vehicle is defined by the Road Rules (rule 15) and aims to capture modes using the road. Pedestrian is defined by the Road Rules (rule 18) includes modes we want to use the 'road related area'. Is this the best approach for an increasing range of modes and growing population?

Also, the word 'accident' needs to be replaced with 'crash' or 'collision' in all components of the framework shown in Figure 1 of the Issues Paper

Thank you.