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I understand that the enquiry can only focus on a limited number of points. However I will note quite a few examples where government influence is having a negative impact on my quality of life. I know the submission is for the nanny state however I will include examples where government is way too big for its boots.

#### Speed limits

on country roads are ridiculous, remote areas and good quality dual lane highways (perth-Bunbury) should be 130kph. Indian Ocean Drive now 100kph, get real, who ever came up with that should be licking stamps at the post office for a job. Instead of buying new speed cameras with all the money ripped off from motorists, put some overtaking lanes in!

#### Traffic lights. "

Turn left with care", turn right with care" intersections have been replaced with traffic signals on many new intersections. Eg Kwinana freeway and Russle road upgrade. Its like the government has taken my right to make a simple decision of when it is safe to enter an intersection away from me. I sit at the lights extremely frustrated that my travel times are unnecessarily longer than they should be. Trust me travel times are long enough.

Boat drink and drug driving laws, we do not need testing for boaties having a few drinks while fishing, leave us alone! Do you really think this is a vote winner? Driving a boat is not the same as driving a car! There is no need for this intrusion into peoples lives! There is already enough harrassment from all the highly efficient government departments policing the waterways.

Fishing licences. A licence to go fishing.... think about that for a minute. The government has made it illegal to go fishing..... unless one is willing to pay the money to buy their rights back. Licences are to ensure competency not to be a cash cow. Enough money is taken out of boaties pockets with boat rego, trailer rego, stamp duty on insurance, GST fuel excise, ESL on council rates, parking fees at ramps and fines!

Mid strength beer at the new stadium, I am an adult if I want to drink full strength beer I should be able to. If people are being anti social deal with them, dont take my rights away.

I was refused entry on a public bus because I had a half full bottle of coke in my hand. The bus driver informed me that any drink other than water was prohibited on public transport. I drink coke in my car quite often, my car isnt full of stains.

Having a beer after work used to be a great way for work mates to socialise. Not now with most employers scared of being liable for their employees actions on the road on their way home.

A licence required to collect fire wood. I wont elaborate.

Instead of politicians sitting around thinking up ways to get bigger, more intrusive and more involved in people's lives, how about you start sitting around and come up with ways to not intrude on their lives.

Regards

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