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At The Crossroad

The Legislative Council members sit firmly in the drivers seat when it comes to the new Driver Training Reform. With the current government taking a completely different approach to that of the former government.

The reform legislation, introduced in 2020, was very inclusive in its structure, giving the community various options in training and assessment. This is not the case with new Bill, which has been rushed through the House of Assembly with very little debate.

The current Transport Minister has openly stated that he has sought no consultation on the current reform and has relied on the previous governments research but has in turn opted for a less inclusive and hardline approach to reform, a position that is certain to cause a fair bit of consternation in certain sectors.

In defence of the Transport Minister, he has also stated that he would have supported a Select Committee to discuss any issues with the former governments proposed legislation. We now wait and see if the same line of thinking remains intact and various affected community groups and industries are given an opportunity to discuss issues via a Select Committee.

There is no turning back should this Bill pass without proper scrutiny and a system, at present, that offers the community various training and assessment options will be well and truly in the rear view mirror.

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