Tasmania’s first trial park and ride facility aimed at making passenger transport more convenient and flexible should begin operating in southern Tasmania in July. It is intended for the Kingston trial site to lead to the development of similar facilities elsewhere in Tasmania’s major urban areas.

This project is being developed by the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources in co-operation with Metro Tasmania and the Kingborough Council as part of the implementation of the Tasmanian Urban Passenger Transport Framework. The aim is to achieve a reduction in the volume of traffic on the Southern Outlet by making passenger transport more convenient and flexible.

Planning is under way with Metro to substantially increase services through the park and ride site in the morning and afternoon peak times. This will include 10 extra bus services for Kingston, five during the morning peak period and five during the afternoon peak period. The State Government has allocated $750,000 a year over four years to support park and ride initiatives and is already looking at other potential sites.

For details about the new service, contact Metro Tasmania on 132201.
What do you think of when you hear that the Tasmanian road toll is down 50% from 2009’s road toll? Do you think that’s great, wow only half as many people died? Do you think that is any consolation to the friends and families of those victims who have died? I think not. Did you know that the same number of motorcyclists have died this year, compared to last year? And what about push bike riders? So far, we have lost the same number of cyclists as last year and two pedestrians have been killed. That’s a 100% increase from last year. So let’s get really serious and look at how we can truly reduce the road carnage.

How do we keep motorcyclists safe? It’s always easy to blame the rider because we have all witnessed at some point an motorcyclist lane splitting, travelling way too fast and overtaking when they shouldn’t. But I see a lot more motorists doing stupid things every day than the odd motorbike rider. A motorcyclist will ALWAYS come off second best to a car or truck, so it makes sense for motorists to spend much more time checking mirrors regularly, indicating sufficiently prior to changing lanes and overtaking only if it’s really necessary. This then allows enough time for the rider to change lanes, back off, or even speed up to avoid you. Generally speaking, I find motor bike riders to be much better drivers too because they have trained themselves to watch out for hazards, as there is no protection on a bike and self-preservation is a high priority.

What about pedestrians? A fully-grown adult hit at 40km/hr has a 10% survival rate, so SLOW down when pedestrians are around; humans do not bounce terribly well. Pedestrians must also accept that drivers may not have seen them and be vigilant about being safe. That may mean taking those head phones off, not being distracted with our technical mobile world and being cautious around traffic.

Push bike riders, don’t you just hate it when they are slowly pedalling up some hill and there is no room to pass and all you can see is their lyca-clad backside waving from side to side. You find yourself getting anxious, telling them to hurry up and get off the road, and then you spot yourself an area to pass and floor it, not necessarily leaving much room for the poor bike rider who is now choking on your carbon monoxide fumes. But they have as much right to be there as you do and they are also doing their bit for the health system too by reducing the chances of obesity, cardiovascular disease and reducing the emission of harmful pollutants into the environment. Be supportive of these people and let us adopt a culture of accepting push bike riders. It works in most parts of Europe, why not here?

Motor Safe Tasmania provides driver education for all types of road users. Call (03) 6224 4134 to discuss the type of driver education your organisation needs, or visit www.motorsafetas.com.au.
The first mass-produced, fully-electric car, Mitsubishi’s i-MiEV, was launched in Canberra by Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese and Climate Change Minister Penny Wong.

The i-MiEV motor uses no petrol and produces no emissions while on the road. Mr Albanese said the first 40 cars available in Australia will be offered to governments, the media and fleet buyers as a way of encouraging by example. “The cars are at the cutting edge of technology which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality,” he said.

The Rudd Government will continue working with the states and territories as well as industry and road user groups to evaluate the potential for widespread adoption of electric vehicles in Australia. Senator Wong said the efforts of Australians to reduce their carbon footprint on the road, by driving fuel efficient vehicles or taking public transport, do make a difference.
Tasmanian Quarry Operations

Site/Location
BIS’ Quarry operations have depots strategically located across the Northern half of Tasmania, from St Helens to Burnie. BIS has fixed crushing assets located at Burnie and Western Junction, and utilises BIS owned mobile crushing and screening equipment onsite at Bell Bay, and engages contracted equipment at other locations. BIS also currently provides onsite services to Cement Australia at Railton via the Devonport depot.

Customers
Local Councils, Asphalt/Sealing Contractors, Concrete Suppliers and Cement Australia

Key Activities
BIS Industries Limited (trading as BIS Industrial Logistics (BIS)) has operated quarries in Northern Tasmania since the late 1970’s and from July 2008 acquired further mining leases which provides BIS the capacity to supply approximately 1,000,000 tonnes of crushed quarry products per annum. This capability recognises that BIS is one of the largest operators in the extractive industry in Tasmania.

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TECHNICAL DATA
BIS holds quality certification to AS/NZS ISO9001:2000, AS/NZS ISO 4801:2001 for Occupational Health & Safety Management and AS/NZS ISO 14001:2004 for Environmental Management for its quarrying operations in Tasmania. BIS produces materials using Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) from these Australian Standards which will assist our clientele with achieving compliance with the Department of Infrastructure Energy and Resources (DIER) standard specifications. The Tasmanian Quarry operations has just currently achieved a LTI record exceeding 13 years across all business units with the entire Tasmanian region achieving 10 years LTI free this year.

Typical Equipment - Fixed Plant Crushing includes:
- Jaw crusher
- Gyratory secondary
- Vertical impact crushers
- Large screen decks
- Conveyors.

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LGAT News
New Guide for Heavy Vehicle Drivers

In a bid to reduce injuries and fatalities caused by driver fatigue, Local Government and works officers are reminded of the National Heavy Vehicle Driver Fatigue Reforms with release of the 2010 edition of the National Guide to Public Works & Services Safety.

The new laws, which took effect on 29 September 2008, are consistent with current obligations under OHS laws that require employers and employees to take all reasonably practicable steps to manage driver fatigue.

The safety guide explores the reasons for the new laws and details how heavy vehicle drivers and their employees can avoid breaching them. The guide also features the topics of underground electrical safety and how to avoid exposure to asbestos.

To obtain a copy of the National Guide to Public Works & Services Safety, please call (02) 8272 2611, email enquiries@provisual.com.au or go to www.provisual.com.au.

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46% of OH&S injuries and deaths result from driving a motor vehicle to and from a place of business and or operating a motor vehicle as part of conducting business

IT IS POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THIS AND AIM FOR ZERO

But it takes more than a plastic drivers license to achieve it!

We at Motor Safe provide workshops and venue based programs with the latest research results, to support relevant and up to date driver education that is performed in a non-threatening environment and also made to be interactive and fun

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