

Provest bid to fix Labor's Tweed P-Plate loophole

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A Labor Government legal loophole which allows Queensland P-Platers to drive half drunk on Tweed roads will be plugged if the NSW Parliament passes a Private Members Bill drafted by Tweed Nationals MP Geoff Provest.

"I alerted the State Government to the anomaly which means Gold Coast P-Plate drivers are not subject to the zero alcohol limit Tweed P-Platers face," Mr Provest said.

"At the time the Labor Roads Minister said he would fix the problem straight away, but more than six months later, nothing has happened."

"When Labor reduced the alcohol limit from 0.02 to zero, a drafting error meant the limit for interstate P-Plater driving in New South Wales actually rose from 0.02 to the general adult driver limit of 0.05."

Mr Provest said a drink driving conviction against a P-Plater in Albury had recently been overturned on appeal because the youngster's held a Victorian-issued driving licence.

"The bill or draft law I am presenting to Parliament would fix this problem by applying the same rules to all P-Platers on NSW roads regardless of where their licence was issued."

Mr Provest said he hoped the Labor Government would put party politics aside and support his bill in the interest of road safety.

"I don't really care who takes credit for the move, I just want this sorted out before we have unnecessary fatalities on Tweed roads," Mr Provest concluded.

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