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Safety works needed for deadly D'Aguilar Highway

The State's peak motoring body has called for urgent attention for the D'Aguilar Highway after it was revealed it had a shocking crash history, that had resulted in 14 deaths and hundreds of injuries between 2012 and 2016.

RACQ Head of Public Policy Rebecca Michael said an analysis of crash history and data from the Australian Road Assessment Program (AusRAP) showed long lengths of the highway had received a disappointing two-star safety rating, as well as a medium-high to high crash risk between Caboolture and Kingaroy.

"The D'Aguilar Highway claimed 14 lives and put 211 other people in hospital with serious injuries between 2012 and 2016," Dr Michael said.

"Our research shows these deadly crashes happen when drivers, run off the road, crash head-on, or collide with other vehicles at intersections."

Dr Michael said the risk could be countered with low-cost, high impact safety works.

"Simple measures like clearing roadsides, installing safety barriers and noisy lines will go a long way to reducing the risk of crashes. Additionally, if protected turning lanes are installed at intersections, more fatal and serious injuries will be prevented," she said.

"If the Queensland and Federal governments focussed their efforts in funding small but effective road safety projects along the D'Aguilar Highway we could save many lives and prevent hundreds of serious injuries over the next 20 years."

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Crash history for D'Aguilar Highway 2012-2016

From-To	Type	Length km	Avg Traffic Vehicles per day	Casualty crashes 2012-16	Deaths 2012-16	Collective Risk Rating Annual average casualty crashes per km	Individual Risk Rating Annual average casualty crashes per 100M veh-km		
D'Aguilar Highway									
Caboolture to Woodford	Mixed	25	11250	70	2	0.56	High	13.51	Medium-high
Woodford to Kilcoy	Single	20	6950	41	2	0.42	High	16.38	Medium-high
Kilcoy to Yarraman	Single	65	3500	57	5	0.17	Medium-high	13.72	Medium-high
Yarraman to Nanango	Single	18	3750	23	1	0.26	Medium-high	19.16	High
Nanango to Kingaroy	Single	20	4300	32	3	0.32	High	20.50	High

*Due to analysis on sections >80km/h, crash data totals may not add up to totals recorded over the whole highway

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