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Dear Charles

I refer to your email dated 11 February 2023 to the Ministry of Transport commenting on how New Zealanders comply with the law requiring people keep to the left while driving. Your correspondence was referred to me in my capacity as Director of the National Road Policing Centre to provide you with a response.

Rule 2.1 of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 specifies that: "A driver must at all times drive as near as practicable to the left side of the roadway" (unless an exception applies, such as overtaking or avoiding an obstruction, etc.). This is enforced by Police and in 2022 Police issued the following infringements:

Failed to keep left of no passing line when passing or attempting to pass	801
Failed to keep left throughout lefthand turn	15
Failed to keep to the left	531

New Zealand Police is one of many agencies committed to *Road to Zero* – New Zealand's road safety strategy with a vision that no-one should be killed or injured on our roads, and a target to reduce deaths and serious injuries on our roads by 40% by 2030.

Police's primary role under *Road to Zero* is to enforce land transport legislation and promote safe road user choices. We do this by targeting our enforcement and prevention activities to the behaviours we know cause the most harm across the network: impaired driving from alcohol, drugs and fatigue, speed, distracted driving (especially from mobile phones) and not wearing seatbelts or child restraints.

I thank you for taking the time to write. I wish you safe travels in the future.

Yours sincerely



Superintendent Steve Greally
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