

Petition

We, the undersigned, demand that the Government review their decision to outlaw the use of GPS navigation aids on mobile phones under the Land Transport (Road User) Amendment Rule 2009

According to the new law "7.3A Ban on use of mobile phones while driving" under section (1) "A driver must not, while driving a vehicle, create, send or read a text message on a mobile phone or make, receive, or terminate a telephone call on a mobile or use a mobile phone in any other way. This subclause is overridden by subclauses (2) to (6)"

The important part in the above is "or use a mobile phone in any other way". It is this part that will stop user from being able to use their mobile phone as a GPS device while driving, even if it is mounted.

In our opinion using satellite navigation applications on smartphone devices is identical in operation to dedicated satellite navigation systems and, far from representing a danger to the roads of New Zealand, actually makes them safer for all.

Signatures

David Peterson,
Stop pushing more laws in to people's private life, especially in areas of technology when the government so often is completely clueless as to what is going on and where we are headed.

Jp tocker,

Private Name,

Tom Phillips,

Logan Cranston,

Richard Thomas,
This is an ill thought out addition to the law and should be removed. Whoever drafted this obviously does not understand the technology being used.

Regan,
Utter bullshit from the government. I don't care what the law says, I'll just use the navigation and close the application if I get pulled.

Dave Diprose,
If the iPhone is mounted and is not touched in any way during the journey, then this is safer than being able to answer phone calls through a car kit, which I understand will be legal, as to answer a call you will still need to touch the phone or kit to answer the call.

Private Name,

David Horne,

Private Name,

you're all idiots,
It's to stop idiots from reading txt messages, emails, checking their calendar etc while driving then using the excuse when pulled over that it's their SatNav. While I don't have a problem with people using the SatNav component, I can see exactly why they would ban it as it would just turn into a mobile phone while driving loophole.

Mike Luxford,

Joshua Preston,
Absolutely ridiculous. Using an iPhone with the correct software is so much more safe than a paper map. I can't believe the government is even thinking of doing this!

jethro,

Ben Hall,
I suspect we will have to remove car stereos and drink holders from vehicles soon

Pavel Laletin,

Mike Cooper,
sif buy an iphone anyway

Matt,
What the hell does it matter if its a phone or a proper gps device? They still do the same thing. I have a nokia 5800 with Garmin maps and I will continue to use this regardless of this stupid law. I used to have a tomtom but sold it as i now have gps build in to my phone and no longer need the tomtom (or so i thought now that phones are banned). Yes i have a mount for it, there is no difference between my phone gps and the tomtom. Both are touchscreen.
Whoever wrote this are douchebags and know crap all about technology.

I will continue to use my phone regardless anyway as this law is retarded

Private Name,
The whole law is flawed - it's more dangerous to eat hot food while driving than use a phone or any other (such as GPS) device. Why is eating and driving not banned instead of using phones.

Matt Cooper,

Jimmy Southgate,

James Bell,
Our business requires these navigational aids and outlawing them on cellphones and requiring us to buy dedicated devices could set us

back thousands of dollars. Business is hard enough as it is...

Private Name,

Private Name,

Private Name,

Craig Stanton,
Yup that's pretty dumb. If regular GPS units are allowable, then ones on call phones should be too. Maybe add something that the turn instructions must be audible as well as visible.

Simon Bennett,

Red Nicholson,

Aravind Giridhar,

Gregory Campbell,
This is an infringement on our freedoms. Why should the government penalize the many for what a few may do based on what some think

Private Name,

Kerry Payne,

Karl Stemp,

Chris Farrell,

Private Name,
Please be logical about this. The law should be updated to allow smart-phones to be used as a GPS device as long as they're in a hands free cradle.

Adam Adeane,

Fei Huang,
A navigation software running on a PDA and a dedicated GPS device has no difference in functionality wise, they just using different hardware. So why I can not use TomTom on my phone but if I buy a TomTom device, then I could use it. Rubbish.....Think logically please.

Private Name,
Please explain the difference between using a mounted phone as a gps unit and using a gps unit.

Private Name,
Insane move. If you do this you should ban GPS altogether.

Joshua Wyatt,
If there is a ban on the use of dedicated SatNav software on a mobile phone that is identical in every way to a standalone SatNav device (such as those produced by Sygic, TomTom, Navigon) then those standalone GPS devices should be banned as well.

Brian Foose,
We need people with common sense to run this country not those morons. and the NZ govt should start listening to the NZ people. this is not just their country. it's ours too.

Private Name,

Oliver McDermott,
This is a very shortsighted law change and has clearly not had any thought behind it whatsoever. Technology is here to improve our lives, we need to embrace it, we also need to realise that the technology is not the problem, the people using it are. Whilst I agree with the banning of cellphone use while driving I think this new law is ridiculous. What difference is a dash mounted iPhone running the tom tom GPS app to a dash mounted tom tom GPS unit. I challenge anyone to find a difference that makes one more distracting than the other.

tony whitehead,
law needs to reflect current technology. No difference in using a mounted iPhone as a GPS compared to a dedicated car GPS.

Michael Gray,
Signed.

Private Name,
I thought we got rid of Helen?

Joshua Milner,
As per another post...logic defeats the purpose of this law, when buttons inside a car could be equally to more distracting then the GPS. Not to mention the fact you can use a normal dedicated GPS?

Private Name,
Let drivers use cellphones as sat navs while driving. Come on government. Whether people use their cellphones as sat navs or buy a dedicated gps, they will still be looking at the screen. So if your going to ban using cellphones as sat navs while driving, then ban dedicated GPS units too. Otherwise let drivers use their cellphones as sat navs and let drivers use their dedicated gps unit too. Allowing 1 and not allowing the other that does the same thing is like saying women can have freedom of speech but if men want freedom of

speech they need to get a permit.

James Hippolite,
Not a good use of scarce police resource.

Private Name,

Warren Bebb,
Surely this fits under police discretion as in the anti-smacking law. The law is an ass, and they should not enforce it when it was obviously written without thinking that they could behave in exactly the same way as a SATNAV. It was obviously written by technophobes.

Rob Whitehead,

Private Name,

Andrew Salisbury,

Matt Painter,

Ollie Cairns,
Get a grip government!

Private Name,
This is just plain stupid, it doesn't address the root cause at all. It would have been worse if he was trying to look at a paper map!

Private Name,
WTF?!

Daniel Mole,
What a joke! This will force many people to re-purchase 'legal' sat nav devices to replace their perfectly fine mobile phones!

Alex Gordon,

Private Name,

Matt Allen,

Brice varan,

Shane Powell,

Reuben Simpson,
This is just absolutely stupid. Next thing the government will be doing, is banning all GPS apps from the iPhone app store!! First we stuffed up our driving rules by applying the right hand rule instead of the left hand rule, making NZ the only country in the world to have this. - And now they want to ban GPS apps on phones, making us the only country in the world to have this law now too! Surely, our government isn't THIS stupid!

Private Name,
Make exception for mobile phones running built in sat nav...

Philip Yearbury,
If they were to ban GPS usage on mobile phones, will they ban the Satnav devices that allow bluetooth calling, as well. Reticulous.

Should we have our heads in a printed map, while driving down the road

Christopher Dykzeul,

Wayne Beasley,

Private Name,
This is unbelievable! SatNav is one of the best inventions to increase driving safety, so I really don't understand it. Does this mean it is still legal to use my mobile and SatNav on my motorcycle... duh. If this law is passed, let's hope the police have some common sense... err... we can live in hope!

Jonathan Scott,
I can't believe this, TomTom even have an iPhone app for navigation, costs about NZ0, so what about all us that have brought this app, we can no longer use it?????

Elliot Bird,
How can an iphone mounted on a stand displaying a navigation screen be anymore unsafe than actually having a gps navigation device mounted to your car, it is almost exactly the same!

Private Name,

Private Name,

Alex Hamilton,

Private Name,

Don Sandbrook,

If it's good enough for Navman, TomTom, etc to have a moving map GPS in the car, then it's good enough to have the same thing on an iPhone!

Adam Newman,

Private Name,

John Hempel,
"...make, receive, or terminate a telephone call on a mobile..."

Does this wording mean I cannot even use a bluetooth headset or similar, let alone the Sygic Mobile Maps on my iPhone? This is a little silly and I hope common sense prevails.

Simon Black,
Clearly a decision made by an uninformed bureaucrat. Yet again our country leads the world in nanny-state politics.

Christopher Henderson,

Mathew arcus,

Amber Craig,
This is ridiculous, what is the difference between using your iPhone as a SAP Nav rather than a GPS unit...

Private Name,
Clearly this has not been thought of properly, it just not make sense!

Private Name,
This is absolute bullsh*t! What is the difference between using a proper SatNav application on an iPhone compared to using an iPod Touch. I'm almost tempted to go out and get the cheapest Touch to use in the vehicle and flaunt its use till i'm stopped by a cop just to show that its not a phone and perfectly legal!

Russell Renton,

rachel H,

Nicholas Carman,
This sounds like a poorly drafted law that is in need of a rewrite before it is passed.

Jevon,

Su Yin Khoo,

Chris Wells,
This rule is absolutely stupid. Def needs a serious look at. What the difference is between a dedicated sat nav or the phone I'm not sure!!!!

Daniel Newman,

Denise Sowter,
No looking in rear view mirrors either to check for traffic ... or looking over your shoulder while reversing your vehicle ... I know, a device should be placed directly in front of the driver on the windscreen to ensure their eyes never leave the forward facing position! Sheesh get real Ministry of Transport.

Brook Warner,
Let's send them home telling their friends and family what a backward nation we are!

Simon Garner,
Dumb, dumb, dumb.

Matt Powell,
I wonder what the government's definition of "mobile phone" is? The iPhone is certainly more than just that.

Robert Litchfield,
One more reason to ditch the country after university.
Thats right John, stunts like this aren't helping the great qualified ditch.

Private Name,

Ian Howarth,

Alastair Nicholl,

Todd Carter,

Micheel Sorm,

Private Name,
Q: How does an iphone running the tomtom app differ from a tomtom and a cellphone with car kit? A: It's less distracting because you only have one device mounted to your windscreen.

Jed Laundry,

Michael Coleman,

Simon Karipa,
Ridiculous hypocritical decision, vault into the modern age people!

Chris Young,
Come on government - listen to the people for a change.

Michael Humphrey,
C'mon guys, this is silly.

Benjamin Guy,
Wouldn't this also make it illegal to use a phone as a music player for their cars?

Peter,
This must be an error, NZ can't be that backward.

Private Name,
Its complete madness. To allow Navmans and TomToms but not the Iphone acting in the exact same (if not better) capacity is govt policy gone too far. They can refund my \$\$ for buying the app

Private Name,

Peter O'Halloran,
Dear Government, welcome to the the post stone age era. Please revise your policies to match.

Kind Regards,

Peter

Alan Parry,

Craig Sanders,

Nevin,
This is absolutely stupid. "A driver must not, while driving a vehicle, create, send or read a text message on a mobile phone or make, receive, or terminate a telephone call on a mobile or use a mobile phone in any other way."

Does it matter that I can do ALL these things from a perfectly legal TomTom navigator paired with a cellphone?

Andrew Chappell,
GPS does not use any cell technology. Why does it matter what the type of device using it is?

Jamin Lietze,

Jay,
Based on this logic how does it differ from the car speedo/fuel gauges, radio, A/C, turning on the headlights, lowering the windows, operating cruise control, checking the car built in computer for distance travelled/fuel economy??? How are the very people who police (badly i might add) NZ going to do the policing? will the police use mobile phone and VHF radio still or will they operate a double standard?

A car should have no buttons, gauges, lights, gear stick based on this logic.

Stupidity supremes within the NZ government.

Private Name,
I'm a frequent visitor and I think these kind of laws could make me think twice before buying my next airplane ticket....

Private Name,

Private Name,

Damen Hansen,
Come on New Zealand, this is embarrassingly ridiculous.

Mark Goatley,

Private Name,

Dario Bauer,
Just like you did with NCEA, get rid of something to replace it with worthless junk, just so our country's education can't be compared to others easily.
But i wonder, tomtom is releasing a gps unit holder, so gps would work on ipod touches. iPods are not cell phones so i guess that's ok. But i wonder, tomtom is releasing a gps unit holder, so gps would work on ipod touches. iPods are not cell phones so i guess that's ok.

James,
The GPS navigation is a major feature of today's cellphones for some users!

Private Name,

Daniel Richards,

Nathan Kershaw,
The reading of it implies that hands-free use is illegal too.

Private Name,

greg clarke,
rubbish idea guys, how am i gonna get around Auckland now?

Simon Barker,
wtf

Private Name,
Unbelievable. So the same navigation app running on an iPod Touch is OK but when running it on an iPhone it is not? And it's fine to have a dedicated phone and a dedicated navigation aid, but not to have one device that does both? Surely having two devices would be /more/ distracting? Get some consistency people. Either ban them altogether or allow all-in-one devices. And if you're going that far, why are you not banning using paper maps? Pathetic.

Dai Henwood,

Simon Allard,
why is a portable GPS without a phone different from using iphone as a GPS?

If its in a cradle its no different from using a handfree kit.

Steve Lawrence,
Do the right thing and tweak this law, or prove that using GPS on a phone is more dangerous than a standalone unit. You are burning people who have spent money on making them and others safer on the roads.

William Mohammed,

Bridget Isherwood,

Private Name,

Private Name,
What's the difference between using a TomTom and an iPhone running the TomTom app?

Private Name,
Official GPS/Navigation applications on new cellphones are equal or better than existing dedicated GPS/Navigation devices.

Aaron Gillon,
This just seems like another partially thought out law without any real world consultation, please get it right.

Private Name,

Lee Burrow,
Either make all GPS devices illegal (please don't) or this is just a law a move to make it easier to implement another stupid revenue gathering law/tax.

Let's make GPS, Car stereos, eating food, picking your nose, checking out the opposite sex and talking to passengers illegal too. Face it, riding around at 50+ Km/h is dangerous, let's all stay inside.

Private Name,

Paul Mackenzie,

Mike Vincent,

Alison K. Hogg,
This is crazy. Even if its dash mounted and used in conjunction with a bluetooth handsfree. RE: William Gordon, it is illegal in Aussie from Nov 9th to use your phone as a GPS as well.

Private Name,
Ridiculous!

Tracey Giacon,

Dylan Giacon,

Daniel Burgess,
This is the most ridiculous law I have ever heard

Jon. Dow,
In thar case the govt can refund my money I have spent on a application !!!!!

Dave Stockley,

William Gordon,
Come on guys! At least follow the Aussies on this one eh?

Bevan Dunning,