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### **P-plater Minister discriminates against aged drivers**

“CPSA appreciates that Roads Minister Mr Roozendaal hasn’t been in the job for very long and is still very much on his P-plates”, said Bob Jay, State Secretary of the Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association today.

“In a way the Roads Minister, Eric Roozendaal’s concerns about the licensing of older drivers prompted by the horrific car accident of which Sophie Delezio was a victim are understandable”,

“However, while the driver involved in this accident was reported to be 80, it has not been demonstrated that age was actually a factor in this accident.

“CPSA is confident that the accident will be properly investigated. This will establish whether age was or was not a factor.

“However, if age was a factor in the Sophie Delezio accident, that by itself would not constitute sufficient evidence to warrant a lowering of the age at which annual driver testing cuts in.

“Mr Roozendaal should tell us what other evidence, if any, he has to justify him making the statements that he has.

“For Mr Roozendaal to take the age of this particular driver in this particular accident as a prompt to look at lowering the age at which people must have their ability to drive tested seems to be evidence of a prejudice Mr Roozendaal has against older people.

“CPSA calls on the Minister to apologise to all those older drivers who he presumes are menaces on the road and to acknowledge that his comments are unprofessional, inappropriate and discriminatory.”

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