Painted Median Fact Sheet

The State Government is improving safety along major thoroughfares by installing painted median schemes to separate opposing traffic flows and provide sheltered right turn lanes into side roads.

Safety will be enhanced for motorists by improving traffic management and reducing the risk of rear-end collisions. The painted medians also provide improved safety for vulnerable road users by providing safer crossing points for pedestrians and giving areas of greater separation between vehicles and cyclists.

The road rules in relation to painted islands state that road users may drive on or over a single continuous line surrounding a painted island for up to 50 metres:

- to allow the required room to safely overtake people riding bicycles
- to enter or leave a road
- to enter a turning lane that begins at the end of the painted island
- to park in angle parking on the opposite side of the road

However, you must give way to any vehicle that is in the turning lane or entering the turning lane from the marked lane or line of traffic immediately to the left of the turning lane.



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