

LETTER OF THE DAY

Boarders, take re

It's time for people to own up to their actions

Re: Clash between police officer and longboarders caught on camera, April 15

Let's give our heads a shake and watch that video again. The police officer has approximately six seconds to make the decision to either stop the longboarders or let them ride into oncoming traffic (note the vehicle behind the police car).

It was helpful (if unintentional) that the longboarders provided video evidence of their offence and distributed it widely through social media. The

footage shows why the police perform other (and perhaps more important) duties because they have their time protecting legal road users from illegal boarders.

The fact that the boarders "swerve and tumble" show how ill-equipped they were to avoid vehicles using the road. To other road users, got off the road. If they'd hit someone else's car, it would have been the least of their worries (not everyone is as restrained as the police officer).