In July last year I wrote an article entitled Restraining Reorder for Sydney's Child that stressed the urgent need for us to use more-appropriate and safer child restraints in our cars. I hinted that things could be changing soon, and since then a comprehensive review of the situation by the National Transport Commission has resulted in proposed new laws. The laws would make it mandatory for infants up to six months of age to travel in a rearward-facing infant capsule, children aged six months to four years to travel in a forward-facing child seat, and children aged between four and seven years to travel in a booster seat.

These proposed laws are clearly an improvement on the current situation, which is nothing short of a national embarrassment. At present, it is entirely legal to strap a one-year-old child into the front seat of a car in an adult seatbelt. Disappointingly, the proposed new laws not only fall short of the best international standards, but many