Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says the government’s proposals to introduce demerit points should not just concentrate on the negative or punitive side of the scheme.

Gerry says there should be a system of reward for those drivers who do not acquire any demerit points over a specified period.

This would send out a positive message to drivers who drive within the rules that their good behaviour on the roads is appreciated.

Gerry will be introducing an amendment to the Demerit Points Amendment Bill to allow drivers who don’t have any demerit points over 3 years to receive a 10% reduction on their registration fees. Each subsequent 3 years without any demerit points will give a further 10% discount up to a maximum of 60%. If any points are incurred during one of these periods then the registration discount is void and the driver has to start again.

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