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## Carnegie crash: Expert reveal who is at fault in two car crash caught on dashcam

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MELBOURNE driving experts have revealed who they think was at fault in a dangerous crash caught on dashcam in Carnegie.

But the answer isn't as black and white as we would have thought.

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The dramatic footage, posted on the [Dash Cam Owners Australia Facebook](#) page on Monday, shows two cars travel across an intersection before the driver of a black hatchback in a left lane tries to move into the right lane on Koornang Rd.



 Melbourne driving experts have revealed who was at fault in a dangerous crash caught on dash cam in Carnegie. Picture: Dash Cam Owners Australia.

The driver with the dashcam, who is in the right hand lane, collides with the hatchback as it enters the right lane.

[Australian Driver Trainers Association of Victoria's](#) Peter Phillips said both drivers were at fault, but the car with the dashcam could have avoided the crash.

“From a driver trainer perspective, both drivers are in the wrong,” he said.

“The (hatchback) was taking off quickly and was going to push in, so the cam-car could have backed off and let them in.”

He questioned whether speed could have been a relevant factor.

“The GPS shows 47km/h (in the cam-car) at the time of the collision,” he said.

In his view: “The cam driver was moving a little to the right and purposefully pulled to the left on impact.”

Mr Phillips said many drivers were prone to road rage.

“We see such a road rage issue in Melbourne. Our cemeteries are full of people who believe they had right of way,” he said.

But Alex Vouvaris, [Master Driving School](#) director, said the black car was to blame.

“The leading vehicle was in the wrong. The leading vehicle should have pulled back,” he said.

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“If there was a sign (that said form two lanes) and no dotted lines, the leading vehicle would have been in the right.”

Mr Vouvaris said drivers often forgot about [zip merging](#), which gives a driver the right of way when merging into another lane, providing they are in front of the other car and there are no dotted lines used to end the lane they are leaving.

“We say give way anyway, even if you’re in the right, so you avoid the collision,” he said.

“If you can see someone driving immediately in your space, you slow down or stop to avoid the crash.”

“In a court of law, the magistrate will look at the rules,” he said.

[Alex Driving School](#) director Alex Athanasiou said the hatchback driver would fail if they were on their licence test.

“If this was an official VicRoads drive test and the learner was in the left lane and the driver on the right slowed down to let them in and beeped the horn in annoyance, the learner driver would be told to pull over at the safest possible place and would fail the test,” he said.

The driver of the car with the dashcam posted the footage with a message: “I am not sure whether I did the right thing, just let people judge.”

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