



Final response and implementation arrangements for the *Inquiry into the National Road Safety Strategy (2018)*

The *Inquiry into the National Road Safety Strategy* made 12 key recommendations to improve road safety outcomes. Governments have resolved five of these recommendations, and will consider the remaining seven in the next National Road Safety Strategy (NRSS). This document constitutes the final implementation arrangements and response to the Inquiry.

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| 1 | Create strong national leadership by appointing a Cabinet minister with specific multi-agency responsibility to address the hidden epidemic of road trauma including its impact on the health system. | Agreed Completed | The Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Michael McCormack MP is the Cabinet Minister responsible for road safety. The Hon Scott Buchholz MP is Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport. |
| 2 | Establish a national road safety entity reporting to the Cabinet Minister with responsibility for road safety. | Agreed Completed | Office of Road Safety established in July 2019. |
| 3 | Commit to a minimum \$3 billion a year road safety fund. | Agreed in principle Ongoing | Government commits to invest an average of \$3 billion per year to road infrastructure that will have a safety benefit. Commonwealth will continue to work with other jurisdictions to identify priorities for investment and ensure that investment has regard to the safe system principles in accordance with the recently signed National Partnership Agreement |
| 4 | Set a vision zero target for 2050 with an interim target of vision zero for all major capital city CBD areas, and high-volume highways by 2030. | Agreed in principle Underway | Discussed at August 2019 TIC to be finalised through the development of the next NRSS. |
| 5 | Establish and commit to key performance indicators in time for the next strategy that measure and report how harm can be eliminated in the system, and that are published annually. | Agreed Underway | To be developed as part of the next NRSS. |
| 6 | Undertake a National Road Safety Governance Review by March 2019. | Agreed Completed | Governance Review completed and published in August 2019. |



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| 7 | Implement rapid deployment and accelerated uptake of proven vehicle safety technologies and innovation. | Agreed Underway | Discussed at August 2019 TIC. Commonwealth is investigating options to streamline regulatory processes. This will then be embedded into the next NRSS. |
| 8 | Accelerate the adoption of speed management initiatives that support harm elimination. | Agreed Underway | Options to be considered in the development of the next NRSS. |
| 9 | Invest in road safety focused infrastructure, safe system and mobility partnerships with state, territory and local governments that accelerate the elimination of high-risk roads. | Agreed Underway | Options to be considered in the development in the development of the next NRSS. |
| 10 | Make road safety a genuine part of business as usual within Commonwealth, state, territory and local government. | Agreed Underway | Discussed at August 2019 TIC, this will be a key feature of the next NRSS. Commonwealth Parliament has also established a Joint Select Committee on Road Safety. |
| 11 | Resource key road safety enablers and road safety innovation initiatives. | Agreed Completed | Funding allocated in 2019-20 Budget for Road Safety Innovation Fund and Road Safety Awareness and Enablers fund. |
| 12 | Implement life-saving partnerships with countries in the Indo-Pacific and globally as appropriate to reduce road trauma. | Agreed Underway | This is an action for the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth has engaged with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in the first instance, and has also provided sponsorship funding to the 2019 Australasian College of Road Safety for the Low and Middle Income Countries Scholarships Program |