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National Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 - Update

The Office of Road Safety continues to work closely with State and Territory Governments, the Australian Local Government Association, Austroads and other former Transport and Infrastructure Council (TIC) bodies to draft the new National Road Safety Strategy 2021-30. This includes developing the priority areas, actions in support of the priorities, performance measures and targets for the new Strategy.

The Office extends its thanks to all who were engaged in our targeted consultations and meetings with the Cross-jurisdictional Working Group, testing and refining the key priorities for the Strategy. Over 50 national stakeholders across road safety, freight and logistics, research institutions, Indigenous representative groups, health and education organisations have participated in the process. Targets in the next Strategy are being developed encompassing stakeholder positions from this process. In collaboration with the Australia Local Government Association, we have also recently undertaken targeted consultation with some local councils.

The Strategy will adopt a long term vision of zero deaths and serious injuries by 2050. This is in step with the United Nations approach to global road safety through its Sustainable Development Goals and the second Decade of Action on Road Safety. The Strategy will also align with broader government policies such as the Closing the Gap National Plan and the National Injury Prevention Strategy, while also having regard to the Joint Senate Committee on Road Safety's final report, due in October this year.

Detailed work is underway to finalise the draft Strategy and first Action Plan. The Department anticipates that there will be further opportunities for to provide input on the Strategy before final approval in early 2021.

For more information on the NRSS, please visit: www.roadsafety.gov.au/.

Biggest reform to Australia's Vehicle Standards legislation in over 30 Years

The Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) legislation, which is replacing the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989 (MVSA), will provide a strong, modern regulatory framework that will maintain and improve vehicle safety, provide more choice for specialist and enthusiast vehicles and be responsive to emerging technologies.

The department continues to roll out the RVS legislation this year, with applications for a [testing facility](#) approval having been available since May.

The ability for individuals and organisations to apply for a [component type approval](#) commenced this week. This provision, as well as the upcoming vehicle type approval provision commencing in mid-2021, will help streamline road vehicle approvals, by consolidating import and supply pathways.

The changes being implemented will strengthen the Australian Government's regulatory powers to ensure Australia continues to deliver world-leading standards in vehicle safety and environmental outcomes.

For further information, please visit our [RVS legislation implementation](#) webpage or contact the team at RVSAimplementation@infrastructure.gov.au.

Road Safety Data

The Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics has released its [August 2020 Fatality Figures](#). There were 100 road deaths during the month of August 2020. The current figure is 9.6 per cent lower than the average for August over the previous five years.

For more information on road safety statistics, visit: <https://www.bitre.gov.au/statistics/safety>

ANCAP and the Australian Design Rules (ADRs)

ANCAP safety ratings and the ADRs play a different but complementary role in vehicle safety. ADRs are the national regulatory standards for safety, anti-theft and environmental performance of road vehicles when first supplied to the Australian market. The Commonwealth mandates around 75 ADRs, most of which are aligned (harmonised) with UN Regulations.

Non-regulatory systems, including ANCAP Safety Ratings, play a consumer-influence role in encouraging a high standard of vehicle safety, generally beyond what is set out by the ADRs. ANCAP uses a rating system of 0 to 5 stars to encourage manufacturers to supply safer vehicles and vehicle buyers to choose the safest vehicles. ANCAP Safety Ratings are not mandatory.

ANCAP's role is complementary to regulation. While the ADRs ensure all vehicles meet a minimum regulatory standard, the ANCAP rating system encourages vehicle brands to introduce the latest vehicle safety technology as soon as it becomes available.

ADR development is prioritised under the National Road Safety Strategy and associated Action Plans. One example of this is the action for the Commonwealth to finalise a new ADR for Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB) on light vehicles under the current National Road Safety Action Plan 2018-2020.

Implementation of priority new ADRs is subject to the Australian Government Regulation Impact Statement requirements. For more information on ADR development, visit: <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/design/index.aspx>

For more information on ANCAP Safety Ratings, visit: <https://www.ancap.com.au/frequently-asked-questions>

Drive safely these school holidays

As school holidays begin across the country, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack and Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport Scott Buchholz are urging Australians to drive safely on our roads.

For more information and to view the media release, visit: <https://minister.infrastructure.gov.au/mccormack/media-release/drive-safely-these-school-holidays>

Your Speed is our Safety Campaign

All road users have a responsibility to slow down, pay attention and drive safely at road works. The Australian Government is proud to support the [Traffic Management Association of Australia's](#) Your Speed is Our Safety campaign, encouraging us all to respect traffic managers and road workers by following the rules and slowing down to the posted speed limits around roadwork sites.

Your Speed is Our Safety is proudly supported by the Office of Road Safety through the Road Safety Awareness and Enablers Fund.

To view the campaign videos, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgZT9x1irnTTn04HybRtjhg>

For more information on the Office of Road Safety's programs, visit: www.officeofroadsafety.gov.au/programs.

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