



Australian Government

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## Office of Road Safety Newsletter – March 2021

### Final chance to have your say on the draft National Road Safety Strategy 2021-30

The draft National Road Safety Strategy for 2021-30 (Strategy) is open for consultation for another two weeks until 23 March 2021. This is your opportunity to have input into the Strategy before it is finalised and put before ministers for endorsement.

We have received some valuable input to date, including through the consultation meetings, conversations and submissions made.

The draft Strategy sets targets to reduce deaths and serious injuries on Australian roads over the next 10 years, setting us on the path to achieve Vision Zero (zero deaths and serious injuries) by 2050.

Following the consultation period, comments received will be taken into account in finalising the Strategy, which will then be provided to Ministers for endorsement and released alongside a five-year National Road Safety Action Plan, expected in mid-2021.

Thank you to those who have already participated in the consultation meetings. They have been a valuable opportunity to hear questions and feedback on the draft Strategy. We encourage you to make your written submissions and stay in touch with the Office of Road Safety with any further questions you have.

There is still an opportunity to participate in a consultation meeting and we encourage you to do so. Pre-registration is required and will close 24 hours before each meeting, with the final meeting scheduled on Friday 12 March. Should there be sufficient demand, additional sessions will be made available.

To view the draft Strategy, make a submission or register for a consultation meeting, please visit [www.officeofroadsafety.gov.au/nrss](http://www.officeofroadsafety.gov.au/nrss).

### Road Safety Innovation Fund Round 2

Round Two of the Road Safety Innovation Fund is now open for applications, with \$10 million in grant funding available.

The fund targets innovative projects designed to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Australian roads and help create a safe and sustainable road transport system for everyone. Priority areas include improving road safety in regional and remote areas, reducing driver distraction and drug driving, improving safety for vulnerable road users, and supporting road safety research and initiatives specific to the Australian context.

Potential projects can include new technologies and delivery techniques, road safety management initiatives or research to policy development and improving road safety outcomes.

For further information, including application guidelines, visit [GrantConnect](#). Applications close on 29 March 2021.

## Road Safety Program Tranche 1 funding announced in SA and NSW

Approved funding for Tranche 1 of the Australian Government's \$2 billion Road Safety Program enables hundreds of road safety projects across Australia to be completed by June this year. The funding will make a significant contribution to improved road safety outcomes, saving lives and reducing serious injuries on our roads.

Funding under the program is offered to all states and territories on a 'use it or lose it' basis, in three six-month tranches. Tranche 1 projects are due for completion by 30 June 2021, with Tranche 2 to get underway from 1 July 2021 and be completed by the end of the year.

All individual projects under Tranche 1 have now been announced, including South Australia and New South Wales since the last newsletter was published.

- South Australia, where \$83.7 million will be provided by the Australian Government and \$20.9 million will be provided by the South Australian Government for 15 projects across 1500 kilometres of South Australia's regional road network, supporting over 500 jobs, more information can be found [here](#).
- New South Wales, where up to \$300 million will be provided by the Australian Government and \$108.2 million will be provided by the New South Wales Government for over 260 projects across both regional and urban areas, supporting over 2500 jobs, more information can be found [here](#).

## Road Vehicle Standards legislation – full implementation a step closer

Implementation of the [Road Vehicle Standards \(RVS\) legislation](#) moves into a new phase in early April when applications for [authorised vehicle verifiers](#) (AVVs) and the new framework for specialist and enthusiast vehicles (SEVs) commence.

AVV approval holders will assess road vehicles modified or manufactured by a [registered automotive workshop](#) for their compliance with applicable national road vehicle standards. The RVS legislation will change the eligibility criteria for entry on the SEVs Register to meet specialist and enthusiast demand more effectively.

In preparation for the RVS legislation's full implementation on 1 July 2021, a range of other detailed guides have also recently been published including [vehicle type approvals](#), [opting in to vehicle type approvals](#) and [low ATM trailers](#) (trailers with an [ATM](#) ≤ 4.5 tonnes).

Applications for [component type approvals](#) and [testing facility](#) approvals are already open. Companies and individuals interested in applying are encouraged to [apply now](#) so they are ready for the 1 July start.

## Reforming the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002

The Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (Transport Standards) seek to remove discrimination for people with disability in relation to public transport services to provide equality and independence. The Australian Government is leading a reform process with the disability community, the public transport industry and state and territory governments to ensure the Transport Standards are up to date and meet the needs of all Australians.

On 12 February 2021, the Department released a Consultation Regulation Impact Statement on reforms for the Transport Standards. The Department is seeking feedback from the public on reform

options of 16 areas of the Transport Standards with the public consultation period closing on 23 April 2021.

There are a number of ways people can get in touch such as completing an online survey, in writing via email or a formal submission, or via the dedicated phone line. For more information, please visit [www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/disabilities/have-your-say/](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/disabilities/have-your-say/) or email [DisabilityTransport@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:DisabilityTransport@infrastructure.gov.au).

## Office of Road Safety Events Calendar

Do you have a road safety event that you would like to promote? The [Office of Road Safety Events Calendar](#) is regularly updated with events taking place around the country. If you would like to add your event, please contact us by emailing [officeofroadsafety@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:officeofroadsafety@infrastructure.gov.au).

## Follow us on social media!

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## Getting in touch

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