

ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL **TOWARDS ZERO**

Meeting 34
27 November 2018
MINUTES

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE APOLOGIES

Attendees:

Mr Garry Bailey, Chair
Mr Paul Bullock, President, Tasmanian Motorcycle Council (TMC)
Ms Michelle Harwood, Executive Director, Tasmanian Transport Association
Ms Alison Hetherington, President, Tasmanian Bicycle Council
Dr Ian Johnston, Road Safety Expert
Mr Paul Kingston, CEO, Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB)
Mr Harvey Lennon, CEO, RACT
Dr Katrena Stephenson, CEO, Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)

Apologies:

Mr Darren Hine, Commissioner, Tasmania Police
Mr Gary Swain, Deputy Secretary Transport Services, Department of State Growth (State Growth)

Observers:

Mr Richard Cowling, Assistant Commissioner, Tasmania Police
Ms Ange Green, Manager RSAC Secretariat, State Growth
Mr Craig Hoey, Manager Road Safety, State Growth
Ms Penny Nicholls, General Manager Road User Services, State Growth

1. WELCOME

Garry Bailey, welcomed members and observers to the 34th meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC).

2. MINISTER'S ADDRESS

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure, Hon Jeremy Rockliff, attended the RSAC meeting to address RSAC and outline his commitment to road safety. The Minister discussed the ambitious targets for serious casualty reductions and the need for RSAC and the Government to make bold policy decisions to improve road safety outcomes, based on evidence and data with clear communication to the Tasmanian community. The Minister discussed the ever-increasing issue of mobile phone use whilst driving. The Minister also advised that he looks forward to future opportunities for discussion with RSAC.

3. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Members endorsed the minutes of the previous RSAC meeting (21 August 2018). Members noted the status of actions from previous meetings, with one action still to be progressed.

Actions

- Tasmania Police to provide ANPR data to State Growth's Motor Registry System.
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4. GRADUATED LICENSING SYSTEM (GLS) REVIEW – POLICY CHANGES AND COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE

RSAC members noted the policy options for GLS, previously endorsed out-of-session by RSAC in October 2017. Members endorsed the approach to peer passenger restrictions and related exemptions. RSAC agreed that this approach is the minimum that should be introduced in Tasmania and discussed the long-term goal of introducing the exemplar GLS model in Tasmania, with a further review to be conducted under the second Action Plan. It was agreed that the approach to exemptions should be monitored to determine effectiveness and feedback should be provided to RSAC after 12 months of implementation. As crash data will be limited for a 12 month period, RSAC agreed that qualitative data (focus groups) should also be used to determine effectiveness.

Actions

- State Growth to monitor the approach to GLS exemptions to determine effectiveness and provide feedback to RSAC after 12 months of implementation. This is to include qualitative data (focus groups).
 - State Growth to provide recommendations on the GLS review to the Minister for Infrastructure.
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5. 2019 RSAC MEETING DATES

RSAC endorsed the 2019 meeting dates.

The dates are:

- Tuesday, 5 March
 - Tuesday, 14 May
 - Tuesday, 20 August
 - Tuesday, 19 November
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6. REDUCED SPEEDS AROUND EMERGENCY VEHICLES – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

RSAC noted the Government's election commitment to make it an offence to travel past an emergency vehicle, parked on the roadside with lights flashing, at speeds greater than 40 km/h. A funding request of \$150 000 from the Road Safety Levy (the Levy), for development of a campaign to promote the new law, was endorsed by RSAC. RACT raised the possibility of extending this law to apply to roadside assistance vehicles with flashing amber lights, and also noted that there would likely be positive flow-on affects from a campaign for emergency vehicles. RSAC discussed this issue and agreed that State Growth should consult with

relevant members (such as RACT, Tasmania Police) and come back to RSAC with a recommendation in March 2019.

Actions

- State Growth to consult relevant RSAC members (such as RACT and Tasmania Police) and come back to RSAC with a recommendation in March 2019.
 - State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for Levy funding of \$150 000 to develop an education campaign to promote new laws to reduce speeds to 40 km/h past emergency vehicles parked on the roadside with lights flashing.
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7. LANE FILTERING FOR MOTORCYCLISTS – ADDITIONAL PUBLIC EDUCATION

RSAC endorsed \$30 000 funding from the Levy to fund a continuation of the education campaign to promote the new law to allow motorcyclists to lane filter, as per the Tasmanian Motorcycle Council's request at RSAC's 21 August 2018 meeting.

Actions

- State Growth to review and re-advertise the existing lane filtering education campaign.
 - State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for Levy funding of \$30 000 for the continuation of the lane filtering education campaign.
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8. VULNERABLE ROAD USER PROGRAM

RSAC noted the outcomes of the 2018-19 Vulnerable Road User Program (VRUP) funding round and endorsed \$500 000 from the Road Safety Levy for the continuation of the program in 2019-20. RSAC discussed review of the methodology to assess projects, co-contributions and the importance of assisting local government to make safety improvements to their roads. The results of the review will be provided to RSAC in early 2019.

Actions

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval for Levy funding of \$500 000 for the continuation of the VRUP in 2019-20.
 - State Growth to review of the VRUP methodology to assess projects, co-contributions and include links to the Safe System principles.
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9. TOWARDS ZERO ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY – MOBILE POINT TO POINT PROOF OF CONCEPT

RSAC endorsed \$50 000 funding from the Levy to allow Tasmania Police to undertake the first proof of concept trial of mobile Point-to-Point technology in Australia. The trial aligns with actions under the Towards Zero Action Plan 2017-19. Funding will be used to establish the trial, including for works such as distance measurements, line marking at entry/exit points, site plans/specifications. RSAC noted that four providers will undertake the trials at no cost. The trial is likely to be completed by March 2019.

Actions:

- State Growth to provide a Minute to the Minister seeking approval of \$50 000 from the Levy to undertake the first proof of concept trial of mobile Point-to-Point technology in Australia.
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10. TOWARDS ZERO ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY – UNMARKED MOTORCYCLE ENFORCEMENT

RSAC noted that Tasmania Police expect to commence a 12 month trial of unmarked motorcycle enforcement prior to the next Council meeting. The trial is a key deliverable against the Priority Action: Improve Enforcement of High-Risk Road Behaviours. Unmarked motorcycle enforcement will primarily target high-risk road behaviours in slow-moving and stationary traffic via lane filtering i.e. will be used in built-up areas around peak traffic periods. The Tasmanian Bicycle Council requested that Tasmania Police consider enforcement of minimum passing distance laws.

Actions:

- Tasmania Police to consider enforcement of minimum passing distance laws under their unmarked motorcycle enforcement strategy.
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11. SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS PROJECT

RSAC noted the update in regard to development of the Safety around Schools campaign, focusing on reduced speeds around schools and school buses. The campaign employs an emotional appeal as the agency recommended this approach is most likely to change behaviour in this case. The Love40 campaign will include television advertising, digital video, radio and bus backs.

12. ROAD SAFETY WEEK 2019 EVENT

RSAC noted the proposed approach to Road Safety Week 2019, which will focus on vehicle technology and how it benefits road safety and will include practical demonstrations by EasyMile (a driverless vehicle company). As requested by RSAC, the event will be held in Launceston. State Growth will come back to RSAC in March with a budget request to support the event.

Actions:

- State Growth to come back to RSAC in March with a budget request to support the Road Safety Week 2019 event.
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13. SAFE SYSTEM THINKING IN ROAD DESIGN 2019

RSAC noted that Safe System engagement and training has been in effect since late 2016. 238 people have participated in the training to date. An internal review of the program is currently underway and a strategic approach and request for funding will be provided to RSAC at its March 2019 meeting.

Actions:

- State Growth to come back to RSAC in March with a budget request to support the Safe System Thinking in Road Design training for 2019.
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14. EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT SUB COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MARKETING EXPERT

RSAC noted the reappointment of Suzi Watral as the Road Safety Advisory Council Education and Enforcement Sub-Committee Marketing Expert, for three years to 31 December 2021.

15. CHAIR'S REPORT

RSAC noted the Chair's report, including Ministerial approvals since August 2018, media coverage and events attended by the Chair.

16. ROAD SAFETY EVENT CALENDAR

RSAC noted the Road Safety Event Calendar as at 27 November 2018.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence for the last quarter was noted.

18. TOWARDS ZERO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

RSAC noted the Quarterly Progress Report to 30 September 2018, under the Towards Zero - Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026.

19. PROGRESS REPORT: EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT SUB COMMITTEE (EESC)

RSAC noted the Education and Enforcement Sub Committee's progress report.

20. MOTORCYCLE SAFETY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PRESENTATION

RSAC noted the presentation in relation to the Motorcycle Safety Demonstration Project, held on Thursday 20 September 2018. This included a motorcycle safety audit of the Lake Leake Road with Safe System Solutions, Tasmania Police, and motorcycling stakeholders. The following day stakeholders attended a Safe System workshop in Launceston to discuss the findings of the safety audit and to identify potential countermeasures to address motorcyclist safety on the Lake Leake Road. Recommendations to improve motorcyclist safety on the Lake Leake Road will be presented to RSAC in a future paper.

Actions:

- Recommendations to improve motorcyclist safety on the Lake Leake Road will be presented to RSAC in a future paper.
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21. SECOND TOWARDS ZERO ACTION PLAN - WORKSHOP

RSAC members participated in a workshop to commence development of the second action plan under the Towards Zero – Road Safety Strategy 2017 – 2026.

RSAC considered potential initiatives for the new action plan, as well as those initiatives that have been completed or are to continue under the current action plan. RSAC also made recommendations for amendments to the initiatives.

State Growth will come back to RSAC in March to discuss funding allocations from the Levy, priority actions grouped by themes, scheduling of priority actions and an action plan mock up for consideration.

Timeframes relating to the action plan and key stakeholder organisation priority initiatives were not discussed due to time constraints. RSAC agreement will be sought out-of-session.

Actions:

- RSAC agreement on second action plan timeframes and key stakeholder organisation priority initiatives will be sought out-of-session.
- State Growth to come back to RSAC in March to discuss funding allocations from the Levy, priority actions grouped by themes, scheduling of priority actions and an action plan mock up for consideration.