

Road Safety Council

Statement of Intent

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Introduction

I am pleased to provide this Statement of Intent in response to your [Minister's] 2018 Statement of Expectation. Road Safety Council members look forward to working with you in support of the State's effort to have zero deaths and seriously injured on our roads.

The Road Safety Council (the Council) is committed to implementing your stated expectations and ensuring pertinent Government policies and priorities relevant to the work of the Council are achieved.

This statement of intent forms part of the assurance to the community of the Council's role, as governed by the Road Safety Council Act 2002 (the Act), its responsibility for administering the Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA) and working to eliminate death and serious injury on WA roads. The Road Safety Commission (the Commission) will support the Council's functions.

We will work to strengthen community confidence in the Council, as the lead strategic body guiding the State's road safety effort. The Council will collaborate with stakeholders on road safety and will demonstrate public sector accountability and transparency in support of Government policies and priorities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iain Cameron', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Iain Cameron
Chairman, Road Safety Council
1 October 2018

Commitment to building safer communities

The Council's vision is for no road deaths or serious injuries. To realise this vision, a safe system approach to reduce road trauma is essential.

The Council remains committed to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on Western Australian (WA) roads by 2020 by 40% from the 2008 figures under the State's Towards Zero Strategy.

To inform the journey to "zero", the Council is committed to using the International Transport Forum, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, principles of:

1. people make mistakes and will continue to make mistakes, which the road system must accommodate without resulting in death or serious injury;
2. humans have limited physical ability to tolerate crash forces before harm occurs;
3. a shared responsibility to prevent crashes resulting in death and serious injury exists amongst those who design, build, and maintain roads and vehicles, those who use roads and those that provide post-crash care; and
4. all parts of the system must be strengthened to multiply their effects, and, if one part fails, road users are still protected;

These principles will guide and inform the design, build and operation of safety development in our road safety system.

Going forward, the imperative for a paradigm shift is acknowledged and the Council will be ambitious and courageous in providing bold and substantial progress for WA. Council members will apply their joint and individual influence and capability to achieve a step change to achieve ambitious road safety results.

The Council has always recognised the importance of a focus on results. Our efforts will reflect the shared responsibility and accountability of a robust, integrated safe road system.

The Council will:

- provide leadership for the development of a world class road safety strategy;
- foster broad community engagement and generate greater buy-in;
- aim for bipartisan political support;
- promote shared responsibility for road safety through the lens of a 'disruptor' and identify gaps in accountability; and
- advance a safe road system for WA that encourages safe use, but provides forgiveness so that human behaviour does not result in serious crashes.

The Council will have a dual role to monitor both system-wide and agency specific contributions.

High performing and collaborative sector to deliver better services to the community



The Council will encourage, promote and mobilise leadership across all elements of the road safety system. We aim for road safety strategies that seeks 'zero', and not merely meet existing practice.

The Council intends to reframe road safety from reactive to proactive. We will shift our focus from analysing crash history, to assessing risk and responding to risk before it is realised for 'zero'. Our advice to you will be based on evidence, which is known to achieve results and which will improve the system, with the objective being that road trauma is prevented even if one part of the safety system fails.

The Council will identify and support road safety champions and pursue shared responsibility, with appropriate accountabilities, for achieving positive results for road safety.

Whole of Government governance

As a public authority subject to whole of government requirements, the Council will:

- manage its financial affairs efficiently, effectively and in accordance with legislative requirements, including the Financial Management Act 2006 and Treasurer's Instructions, and supporting the Minister for whole of government budget processes;
- restore focus on financial governance consistent with the Act and cognisant of the findings from reviews such as the Special Inquiry into Government Programmes and Projects;
- continuously improve its governance framework, practices and related monitoring, consistent with the expectations of public sector bodies and findings from the Service Priority Review; and
- annually appraise the performance of the Council through a self and stakeholder review.

Statutory functions

The Council will perform its statutory functions. The Council will act objectively and effectively in performing its functions. The way the Council will approach these functions with a focus on achieving results, with a strategic view and the dedicated pursuit of zero deaths and seriously injured on WA roads.

The Council recently made budget recommendations with a longer funding and monitoring cycle.

The Council intends to:

- support funding recommendations with multi-year plans, which include evaluation of effectiveness;

- fund innovative and responsive projects, to create precedence rather than following the precedence established by others; and
- develop and implement mechanisms, which demonstrate how all contributions, not just RTTA funded initiatives, achieve outcomes and align with the Strategy.

The Council proposed to keep you abreast of progress made, regularly through the Chairman and annually with a concise report against key areas as provided in Attachment One (Page 7).

Attachment one

Activity	Measurable or Indicator	Status [as reporting date]
Leadership for road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Safety leadership Forum and Programme Progress towards development of a new State Strategy for road safety 	
Community engagement and aim for bipartisan support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input to and support the Commission's community engagement activities. 	
Promotion of shared responsibility for road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of road safety into senior executive performance agreements. 	
Advance a safe road system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed the safe road system concept into all Council governance documents 	
Manage its financial affairs efficiently, effectively, including supporting the Minister for whole of government budget processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of recommendations to propose the annual RTTA funding allocations. Management the RTTA in accordance with the Act, including identifying when additional thought with respect to whole of government budget processes. 	
Restore focus on financial governance and continuously improve its governance framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughout 2018 and 2019 identify opportunities for improvement, provide input and feedback for the Commission to develop appropriate processes and procedures. 	
Develop and implement a longer funding and monitoring cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughout 2018 and 2019 identify issues associated with a longer funding and monitoring cycle, provide input and feedback for the Commission to develop and implement appropriate processes and procedures. 	



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