



## MINISTER FOR POLICE; ROAD SAFETY; DEFENCE INDUSTRY; VETERANS ISSUES

Our Ref: 70-31329

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Dear Mr Cameron,

### ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL STATEMENT OF EXPECTATION

The State Government is committed to reducing road trauma in Western Australia, particularly on our regional roads where sadly too many people are tragically killed or seriously injured each year. The Road Safety Council plays an important role in assisting the State Government to achieve a future without road trauma. The State Government is also committed to good governance and the provision of assurance to the community regarding the Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA).

As the Minister for Road Safety, I am pleased to provide you with my statement of expectation. This statement outlines my expectations as the Minister for Road Safety (the Minister) regarding the role and responsibilities of the Road Safety Council (the Council); its relationship with the State Government, issues of transparency and accountability, and provides clarification about the Council's functions as provided in the *Road Safety Council Act 2002* (the Act).

This statement is important to the discharge of my Ministerial portfolio responsibilities and sets out my priorities for the Council. In issuing it, I provide clarity about the State Government policies and priorities relevant to the work of the Council including those you are expected to observe.

This statement recognises that the Council has its own legal responsibilities. It is not a direction to the Council to act in a particular way. It shares with you my expectations which include:

1. The Council is to provide strategic leadership and guidance on matters relating to road safety in Western Australia and where required on a National level. This includes providing guidance on:
  - a) Progress towards the implementation of *Driving Change – Road Safety Strategy for Western Australia 2020 – 2030*

- b) Progress towards the implementation of the *Road Safety Action Plan 2021-2023*
- c) Assist with the development and implementation of future editions of the *Road Safety Action Plan*

Council Members are also to use their expertise and the expertise of their agencies to provide guidance to the State Government via the Council on emerging road safety matters.

2. The Council is to Identify measures to improve the safety of roads in Western Australia; to reduce the deaths of people, the injuries to people, and the damage to property, resulting from incidents occurring on roads in the State.

With the support of the Road Safety Commission and the collective expertise available through the Council members and their agencies, it is expected the Council will identify, request and deliberate road safety related data, information and research.

The Council is expected to provide recommendations regarding good practice interventions and assessment of all elements of the road safety system, including areas of weaknesses and failures.

3. The Council is to use road safety data to monitor and evaluate the safety of roads in Western Australia

The Council is expected to use the resources of the Road Safety Commission and its partner agencies, and lead the ongoing development of sustainable systems and methods to collect, manage and report road safety data. The Council is to use this data to monitor trends and progress, to evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of measures implemented by the State Government and to meet the information needs of the Governments and partner agencies.

4. The Council is to recommend to the Minister how money standing to the credit of the RTTA should be spent to implement road safety measures and enable the Council to carry out its function.

The Council is expected to adhere to the requirements of the whole of Government financial management framework; supported by the multi-year investment and action plan. The Council is also expected to consider and be responsive to emerging road safety issues when making recommendations to the Minister.

5. Work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders and have an open and consultative relationship. It is expected that the Council will:
  - a) Work with stakeholders to work towards the ambition of zero fatalities and serious injuries on roads in Western Australia
  - b) When required, rely on stakeholders to fill any gaps of knowledge or abilities that may not be within the capacity of the Council.
6. The Council is to make recommendations to the Minister in compliance with directions given by the Minister under section 6A of the Act.

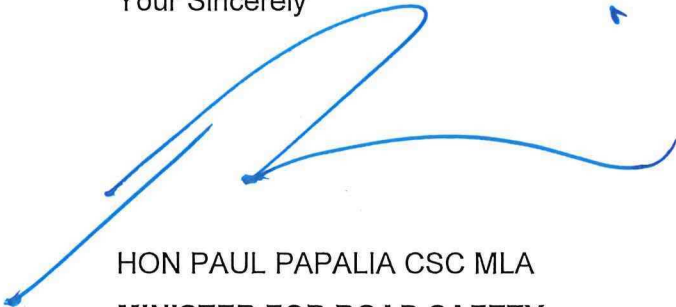
When responding to a direction under section 6A of the Act, it is expected that the Council via the Chairman will communicate considered and candid views regarding relevant road safety measures, interventions, and performance for Ministerial deliberation.

As your stakeholder, I recognise the high level of corporate governance in place including a robust, transparent, and accountable system for reporting to Parliament. Accordingly, I expect this statement to be incorporated into your planning process, and your key outcome performance indicators to be published in your reports.

This statement applies from the date of receipt until the end of this Parliamentary term or until otherwise amended. I look forward to receiving your response confirming your understanding of this statement. It is anticipated that, for transparency purposes, both this statement and your response (statement of intent) are placed on the Road Safety Commissions website.

I look forward to working with you and the Road Safety Council and continuing our cooperative working relationship.

Your Sincerely



HON PAUL PAPALIA CSC MLA

**MINISTER FOR ROAD SAFETY**

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*Cc: Adrian Warner, Road Safety Commissioner*

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16 June 2022

Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA  
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Dear Minister

### **Road Safety Council Statement of Expectation**

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 April 2022 outlining your expectations of the Road Safety Council. The Road Safety Council considered your statement of expectation on 25 May 2022 and confirmed its focus is aligned with your expectations.

The Council reaffirmed its commitment to supporting effective implementation of the *Driving Change* strategy.

The Council is focused on managing by results. As stated in your expectations the contribution of the Commission to the Council is vital to success particularly in relation to data, analysis, research, policy and strategy. The development of a contemporary safe system monitoring and reporting framework to measure and communicate progress and highlight where further attention is needed in a timely manner is critical to inform our management by results.

The Safe System approach in "Driving Change" underpinning our road safety implementation will ensure safer behaviours and address inherent system risks for all.

I am particularly proud Western Australia has made leading contributions to the development of the safe system approach internationally for the benefit of people in many other communities.

The Council looks forward to working with you, to build upon the 40% reduction achieved under the *Towards Zero* strategy on the journey with our community to achieve a further 50-70% reduction in serious road trauma on our roads by 2030.

Yours sincerely



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