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Our Reference: 79-24353
Your Reference: M25/291

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Dear Ms Hodson-Thomas

MINISTERIAL EXPECTATIONS FOR THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

As the Minister for Road Safety, I am pleased to provide you with my statement of expectations regarding the role and responsibilities of the Road Safety Council.

The Road Safety Council is an advisory body established under the *Road Safety Council Act 2002* to identify measures to improve the safety of roads and reduce the deaths of people, the injuries to people, and the damage to property, resulting from incidents occurring on roads in Western Australia.

The 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 government policies and priorities relevant to the work of the Council including those you are expected to observe.

The statement recognises that the Council has its own legal responsibilities. It is not a direction to the Council to act in a particular way.

The 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 the statement and your response (statement of intent) are placed on the Western Australian government website.

I look forward to working with you and continuing our cooperative working relationship.

Yours sincerely

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Reece Whitby MLA
MINISTER FOR ROAD SAFETY

Dated:

Att. Statement of Expectations - Road Safety Council

STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS - ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

1. Strategic Focus

The Council is to provide strategic leadership and guidance on matters relating to road safety in Western Australia. Council Members are required to bring their own expertise and are expected to draw upon the expertise and resources of their respective agencies/organisations.

The Council is expected to actively support the Driving Change – Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030 and consider the Driving Change Road Safety Action Plan 2024-2026 and subsequent action plans to inform its decision making.

The Office of the Auditor General's performance audit of the administration of the RTTA made an audit finding in relation to the Council not having clearly defined funding priorities to guide the use of the RTTA. This finding must be finalised as soon as is practicable.

2. Data and Insights

I expect the Council and its members to;

1. Identify and consider road safety related data, information and research to inform its decision making.
2. Use the resources and information available through relevant government agencies including WA Police Force, Department of Health, Department of Transport, Main Roads WA and the Road Safety Commission and ensure sufficient information is shared to form a holistic view of what is happening on our roads.
3. Use the information provided from funded programs to inform its recommendations in relation to priority road safety initiatives. With the support of the Road Safety Commission, the Council is to evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of those measures.
4. Consider the information and data provided from funded programs to support the ongoing development of mechanisms and frameworks for performance monitoring and formal program evaluation.

3. Stakeholder Communication

The Council will work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders and foster open and productive relationships. It is expected that the Council will engage and consult with stakeholders to support the progress of the Driving Change – Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030.

4. Governance

The Council is expected to adhere to the requirements of the whole of Government financial management framework and ensure that its recommendations consider the efficient use of public funds and deliver value-for-money.

It is expected that the Council will operate within the governance frameworks applicable to the WA public sector and the governance principles established for boards and committees.

Council members are expected to always act ethically and impartially. This includes acting with the sole objective of delivering the functions of the Council. In this regard, the effective identification, declaration and management of any real or perceived conflict of interest is the critical to ensuring and demonstrating ethical and impartial action.

5. Government policies and objectives

The Council is expected to consider wider community and economic benefits to the State, impacts on other Government agencies and key Government policies as part of their planning and decision-making processes.



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Dear Minister

ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL-STATEMENT OF INTENT

Thank you for your Statement of Expectations for the Road Safety Council. I appreciate the clarity and direction it provides, and I welcome the opportunity to reaffirm the Council's commitment to supporting the Government's road safety priorities.

In response:

Strategic Focus

The Council remains committed to providing strategic leadership on road safety matters in Western Australia. We will continue to draw upon the expertise of our members and their respective agencies to support the *Driving Change – Road Safety Strategy 2020–2030*, and we will actively engage with the *Driving Change Road Safety Action Plan 2024–2026* and future action plans to guide our decision-making.

We acknowledge the finding of the Office of the Auditor General regarding the lack of clearly defined funding priorities for the RTTA. Work is well advanced to address this, and we will ensure this matter is finalised as soon as practicable.

Data and Insights

The Council recognises the importance of evidence-based decision-making. We will continue to identify and consider relevant data, research, and program outcomes to inform our recommendations. With the support of the Road Safety Commission, we will strengthen our approach to performance monitoring and formal evaluation of funded initiatives, ensuring that insights are shared across agencies to build a holistic understanding of road safety challenges and opportunities.

Stakeholder Communication

We are committed to fostering open and collaborative relationships with stakeholders. The Council will continue to engage with key partners to support the implementation of the *Driving Change* strategy and ensure that stakeholder perspectives inform our work.

Governance

The Council will operate in accordance with the WA public sector's governance frameworks and financial management principles. We will ensure our recommendations reflect value-for-money and the efficient use of public funds. Council members remain committed to acting ethically and impartially, with robust processes in place to identify, declare, and manage any conflicts of interest.

Government Policies and Objectives

The Council will continue to consider broader community and economic benefits, as well as the impacts on other Government agencies, in its planning and decision-making. We are committed to aligning our work with key Government policies and objectives.

Thank you again for your guidance. We look forward to continuing our work to improve road safety outcomes for all Western Australians.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Hodson-Thomas".

Katie Hodson-Thomas JP
ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL CHAIR

cc: Adrian Warner, Road Safety Commissioner