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Which area/s of the draft Strategy are you commenting on (select all that apply):

Targets for reducing deaths and serious injuries , Data and performance management, Infrastructure planning and investment , Regional roads , Remote areas, Risky road use

What is your primary area of interest in road safety?

The NRSS 2011-2020 failed to meet its priority of implementing a national reporting system. It failed to implement an IT-System. The new NRSS 2021-2030 states that it will rely on a "an enhanced governance framework, and performance management and reporting system." The government failed to implement a performance management and reporting system with their last 9-year NRSS. How will you get all states to standardize data to implement a performance management and reporting system, ie your Data Hub, which is vital to the success of this new plan?

The strategy imbeds cultural change and implementing the Safe System across all non-transport agencies. Surely you need to go back to basics. Get all states and territories to accept a common approach, particularly in utilizing existing assets, enforcement and tactics to tackle Speed Management and Risky Road Use.

Three or Five Enabling Actions, focus on "Upskilling Local Government." You contain actions, "within their available resources." Surely if you measured the extent of their road networks and their budgets, they will need a massive budget to improve regional and remote roads. This is a critical area to reduce the high non-urban road toll.

Risky Road Use, also intersects with Cultural Change. State governments are using penalty revenue as a cash cow, generating in excess of \$2-billion pa. Drivers continue to observe high trauma, a sanctions system not working to reduce risky road use. Current sanctions are not reducing trauma, or resulting in sustainable road toll reductions. The 2021 road toll will increase, with unacceptably high tolls in Queensland, WA and SA.

State action plans must include The Safe Driver Program®, common speeds, sanctions, appeals across all jurisdictions. If road users are to have any ownership of safety. A common approach across all jurisdictions will embed the cultural change engrained in the new NRSS.

State Incentives to change. States and territories need an incentive to make the NRSS 2021-2030 a success. You need to look at the divisive national approach through The Covid Pandemic to understand that states will continue to do their own thing. Financial incentives, success bonuses will work as they've worked in the past in achieving state co-operation.

I propose a "National Accident Reporting App,- NARAPP,®" as part of the solution on consistent data, and national accident reporting. This follow me through app would be used by all jurisdictions by ; drivers, the police, emergency services, hospitals and the insurance industry. Consolidating data at state level and at the Federal Office of Road Safety..

What road safety issues are the most important to address?

Driver behavior, current non-consistent state sanction are not changing risky behavior.

Regional and remote roads. Local government will never have the resources, with current budgets and resources, to tackle the mammoth task of safety proofing their road networks. Maybe this should be a state government responsibility and the tasks of local government changed or their budgets increases?

What do you believe are the strengths of this draft Strategy?

I've no confidence in another 9-year strategy. I believe there should be a short Strategy & Action Plan to achieve the targets of the last plan. And an achievable target of 850 fatalities by 2026.

Is there anything important that you think is missing from this draft Strategy?

A National Accident Reporting App, NARAPP® as outlined above.

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