

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations from the Road Safety Council's (the Council) meeting.

The Council met on 10 March 2023. The meeting's focus was on setting the scene for the Council on how it can work to improve road safety and achieve the targets set out in the *Driving Change* strategy.

Driving Change Delivery

The Council's discussion focused on three themes: Common Purpose, Speed and Evidence Base and agreed to address these in 2023. Discussion on the themes included:

- Improvement in data, analytics and data sharing to better understand road safety issues and the effectiveness of road safety programs
- Design of roads and speed management
- Allocation and use of the Road Trauma Trust Account funds

All members agreed to facilitate access of their agencies' road safety related data to the Road Safety Commission. The Commission will contact members directly to commence negotiation.

At the next meeting, Main Roads WA is invited to present to the Council on its work on the Open Road Default Speed Limit Reduction.

Overview of Priorities for Evaluation of RTTA Projects

The Commission delivered a presentation on the *Overview of Priorities for Evaluation of RTTA projects*. It is intended that evaluations will be built into new programs going forward. The first step is to scope what evaluation is currently undertaken and what information is available.

The Council agreed that evaluation for road safety benefit should be a priority for RTTA-funded programs and noted the work underway to develop an evaluation approach. The Council supported the Commission's work with agency representatives to develop high level evaluation plans to be used as the basis of prioritisation discussion to take place at the next Council meeting.

OAG Performance Audit: Managing Road Safety Funding and Strategies

The Chair advised that the Office of the Auditor General has written to her to advise that the Council would be audited. The Council noted that it has been included in the performance audit in parallel with the Road Safety Commission.

Next meeting: 16 June 2023

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