
TASMANIAN ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY – 2009/10 WORK PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION:

That you:

- Note the report on progress of implementation of the 2009/10 Work Program under the *Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2007-2016* (Attachment A).
- Note that this report will shortly be published on the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources public website.

CURRENT SITUATION:

- The Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy Action Plan 2007/08 – 2009/10 outlines the key road safety initiatives that will be progressed to assist in the achievement of the Tasmania *Together* target for road safety.
- A Road Safety Levy was introduced from 1 December 2007 to provide additional funding for road safety initiatives. The Levy is estimated to raise approximately \$9.1 million per year.
- Each financial year a Work Program is developed outlining key projects that will be delivered over that period. The attached report details 2009/10 financial year expenditure up to 31 May 2010.

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- The Tasmanian Road Safety Council (TRSC) would usually approve this report and forward it to you.
- As there has been no TRSC meeting since December 2009 due to changes in road safety governance, this report has been provided directly to you to enable public reporting to continue.
- Key initiatives progressed as part of the 2009/10 Work Program include:
 - Installation of Flexible Safety Barrier on Tasmania's major highways and arterial roads;
 - Dollar-for-dollar funding for Councils to undertake traffic calming treatments in shared urban spaces;
 - Progressive roll-out of electronic speed limit signs at schools;
 - Demonstration and trial of safer rural default travel speeds in the Kingborough and Tasman Municipalities;
 - Introduction of new L2 and P1 driver assessments as part of the Novice Driver Licensing System;
 - A public education campaign on choosing safer vehicles: 'How Safe is Your Car?';
 - Trial of innovative technologies such as wet weather warning systems, and vehicle activated signs; and
 - Support for Learner Driver Mentor Programs conducted by community organisations.

BACKGROUND:

- The *Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2007-2016* sets out the 10-year strategic direction for road safety in Tasmania.
- Tasmania *Together* contains a number of specific targets relating to road safety (Benchmark 2.1.8). These have been adopted as the targets of the new Strategy:
 - Year 2010: 20% reduction in serious injuries and fatalities from 2005
 - Year 2015: 20% reduction in serious injuries and fatalities from 2010
 - Year 2020: 20% reduction in serious injuries and fatalities from 2015

- The first three year Action Plan provides the associated actions to support the achievement of these targets. The first Action Plan covers three financial years (2007-08 to 2009-10). A Second Action Plan is currently under development.