

Outcomes from the Local Government Road Safety Summit 9 April 2018

Reason for this briefing	This provides you a draft report for public release on the outcomes from the Local Government Road Safety Summit on 9 April 2018. As well as summarising the output from the workshop sessions, it provides advice on how the feedback will be addressed in Government work programmes
Action required	Your agreement is sought on a number of practical matters around the release of the report, including agreement to text about the actions to address the feedback.
Deadline	n/a
Reason for deadline	

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

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MINISTER'S COMMENTS:

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Date:	14/05/2018	Briefing number:	OC180331
Attention:	Hon Julie Anne Genter	Security level:	

Minister of Transport's office actions

- Noted*
 Seen
 Approved
- Needs change*
 Referred to
- Withdrawn*
 Not seen by Minister
 Overtaken by events

Purpose of briefing

1. The purpose of this briefing is to provide you a draft report for public release on the outcomes from the Local Government Road Safety Summit on 9 April 2018. As well as summarising the output from the workshop sessions, it provides advice on how the feedback will be addressed in Government work programmes.

Comment

2. The Ministry has prepared the attached draft report summarising the results of the workshop session at the Local Government Road Safety Summit on 9 April 2018. The report builds on the bullet point summary that was provided to the participants in the letter sent under your name on 17 April 2018.
3. As we noted in the letter of 17 April, the detailed notes taken by the table facilitators have all been transcribed essentially verbatim. This full set of notes has already been provided to officials working on the development of the new road safety strategy and on the development of the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport.
4. As part of the workshop, the individual groups were asked to condense their own findings down to a small number of points. However, this exercise was not particularly successful in narrowing the scope of the feedback. The report therefore draws primarily on the notes taken about the individual questions considered as part of the workshop session. It also draws on the feedback included in individual responses to the written question 'What is the one thing you would do to improve road safety'.
5. The responses to the written question provide a very useful summary, free from any perception of bias. We plan to publish this list as part of the final report. There is a strong overlap between the responses and the formal report, but the formal report is intended to focus more on the issues that are able to be addressed in the short term.
6. Because we want to be able to demonstrate that the Summit led to concrete actions, the draft report includes a section outlining how the Government intends to respond to the highlighted issues. These issues include the strong feedback that the NZ Transport Agency's processes for seeking investment from the National Land Transport Fund were seen to be too complex. Participants also raised a range of practical issues around the complexity of the legislative processes for setting or changing speed limits that also needed to be considered.
7. To address the concerns raised with NZ Transport Agency's investment processes, we suggest that you write to the NZ Transport Agency's Board highlighting the outcomes of the Summit. We would prepare the letter in cooperation with NZTA staff. It would request that the NZ Transport Agency works with Councils to determine what the obstacles are, and to develop proposals to address any concerns. The letter can also touch on other issues raised, such as encouraging the agency to work with Councils more collaboratively, especially on road safety projects and data sharing.
8. The other key issue around speed management will be addressed by a new proposal for managing the setting of speed limits. We provided you with a briefing on 11 May 2018 [OC180255 refers] on this topic. It addresses much of the feedback on setting speed limits, but reference to this in the report on the Summit is contingent on your agreement to the separate briefing.
9. Subject to your feedback on this briefing, we will finalise the report in cooperation with the NZ Transport Agency and then publish it on our website.

10. If you think it would be useful, we can work with your office to prepare a press release highlighting the release of the report and the concrete actions that came from the Summit.

Recommendations

11. The recommendations are that you:
- (a) **note** the attached draft report on the workshop sessions at the Local Government Road Safety Summit held on 9 April 2018
 - (b) **note** that the Ministry will publish the final report on the Local Government Road Safety Summit on its website, along with the list of responses to the question: *What is the one thing you want to happen to improve road safety?*
 - (c) **advise** the Ministry if you have any feedback, or further actions that you would like included in the report Yes/No
 - (d) **advise** the Ministry if you would like to make any public announcements on the release of the report from the Local Government Road Safety Summit Yes/No

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Note: the final report on the Local Government Road Safety Summit and other background materials are publicly available on the Ministry of Transport's website at www.transport.govt.nz/zero.

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