



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Road to Zero: Publication of Road Safety Strategy and Initial Action Plan

Portfolio **Transport**

On 20 November 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that the number of deaths and serious injuries on New Zealand roads rose between 2013-2017 and that New Zealand is now in the bottom quarter of OECD countries when it comes to the number of road fatalities per capita;
- 2 **noted** that the total social cost of motor vehicle injury crashes in 2017 was \$4.8 billion and that reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries on our roads will not only protect people from the trauma of losing a loved one or living with a life-changing injury, but will also provide New Zealand with economic benefits;
- 3 **noted** that in June 2019, DEV agreed to publicly consult on *Road to Zero*, the proposed new road safety strategy [DEV-19-MIN-0175];
- 4 **noted** that public consultation took place across July and August 2019 and 1,369 written submissions were received;
- 5 **noted** that the strategy proposed for release contains a vision, a target to reduce deaths and serious injuries by 40 percent by 2030, is based on seven principles, has five focus areas and includes a robust outcomes framework to drive action;
- 6 **noted** that the strategy is accompanied by an initial action plan, which includes 15 actions;
- 7 **noted** that advice on the second action plan will be provided to Cabinet in 2021, alongside an update on the implementation of Road to Zero and the initial action plan;
- 8 **noted** that in December 2018, Cabinet directed ACC, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the New Zealand Transport Agency and the Ministry of Transport to report back to DEV on how best to inform consumers about the safety risks of their vehicles and make best use of the Vehicle Risk Rating safety data as part of the government's new road safety strategy report back in 2019 [DEV-18-MIN-0025] and that this work is being delivered through the *Increase understanding of vehicle safety* action in the initial action plan;
- 9 **noted** that delivering the 40 percent target will require \$1 billion of investment per year, which the Minister of Transport will include in the Government Policy Statement on land transport 2021 paper that comes to Cabinet for consideration later this year;

- 10 **agreed** to publish the 10-year *Road to Zero* road safety strategy (Appendix One) and initial action plan for 2020-2022 (Appendix Two).

Jack Petterson
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon James Shaw
Hon Julie Anne Genter
Hon Eugenie Sage

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