

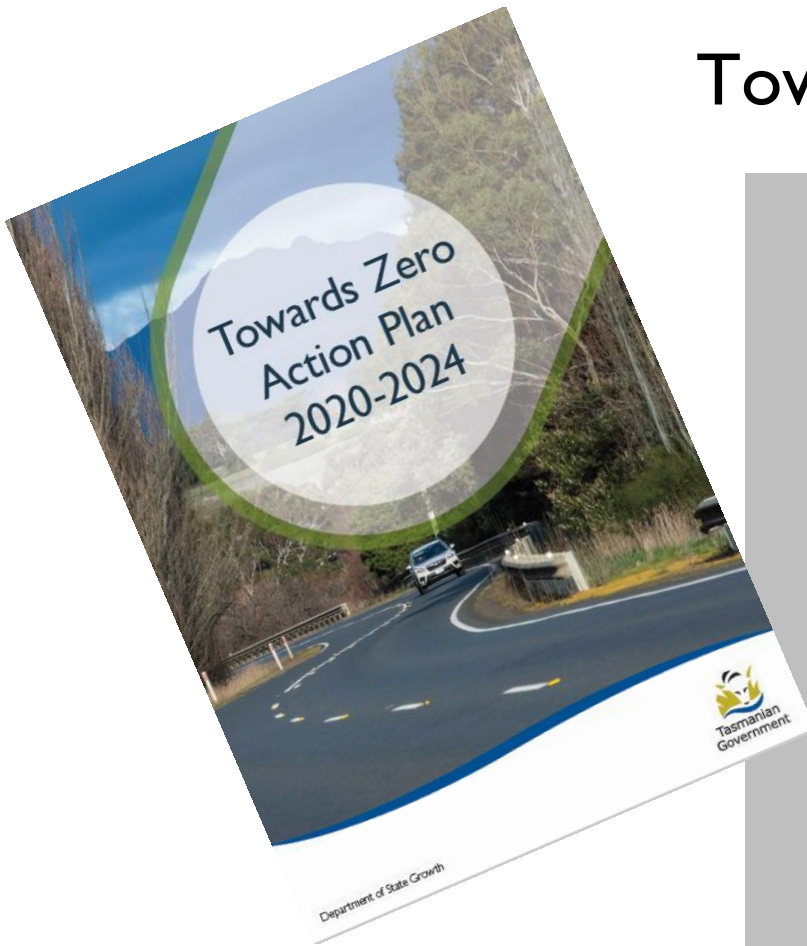
Vulnerable Road User Program and Safer Road User Program

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Local Government Grants



Toward Zero Action Plan 2020-2024



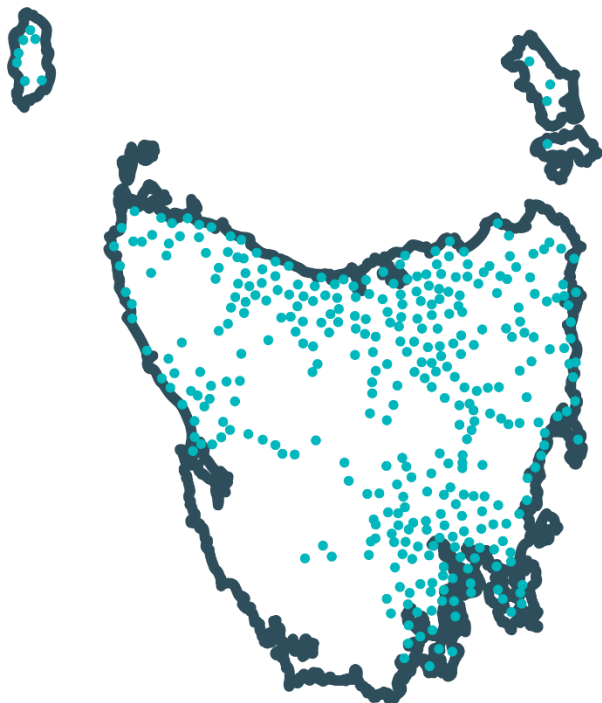
Target of fewer than 200 serious injuries and deaths on our roads by 2026

- Over the next five years the Tasmanian Government will invest more than \$75 million in road safety improvements.
- This includes:
 - over \$20 million to **make our rural roads safer**
 - over \$31 million to **improve safety in our towns and cities**

Under the new Action Plan, an increased funding commitment has been made to local government grant programs to tackle both these areas:

- \$2 million annually for a **new Safer Rural Roads Program** to improve rural roads
- \$1 million annually for the **Vulnerable Road User Program** to improve safety in towns and cities

Why these areas?



- **Crashes occur across the whole network**

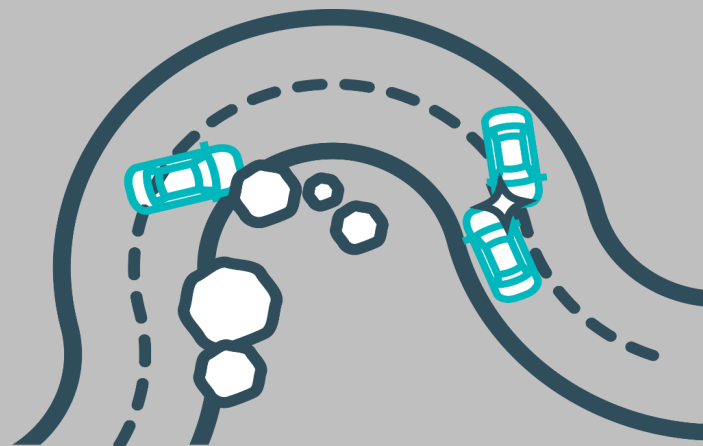
System-wide solutions are required to improve road safety to complement “black spot” treatments.

- **Making our rural roads safer**

60 per cent of fatalities occur in rural areas.

- **Improving safety in our towns and cities**

Pedestrians and cyclists represent one in four serious casualties in our major towns and cities.



Vulnerable Road User Program

Assessment Criteria

A risk management approach is used to assess applications. Applications that meet the mandatory criteria are assessed against the following criteria.

- The likelihood of a crash occurring based on exposure rates (i.e traffic volume data) and the consequence of a crash.
- The potential crash reduction benefit(s) of the proposed infrastructure treatment.
- Co-contribution or explanation for applications not supported by local council funding.
- The use of the Safe System design tool.
- Alignment with key directions under the Towards Zero Strategy.

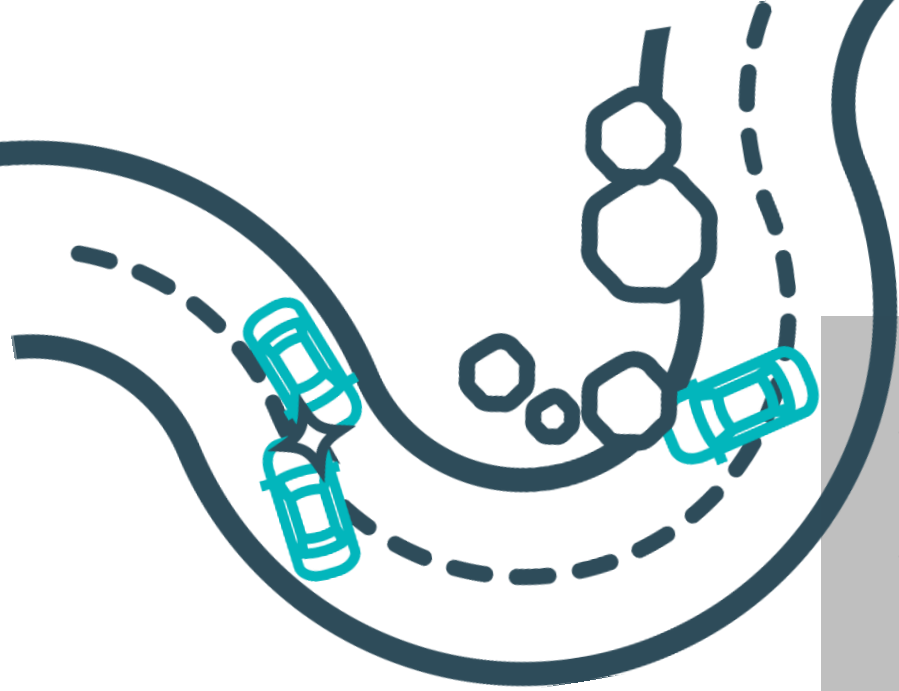
The VRUP Assessment Committee conducts the assessment of applications. Membership is made up of representatives from the Road Safety and State Roads branches of State Growth.

\$1 million annually for the Vulnerable Road User Program.

Over \$5 million investment in small-scale infrastructure treatments not including co-contribution from council.



Safer Rural Roads Program

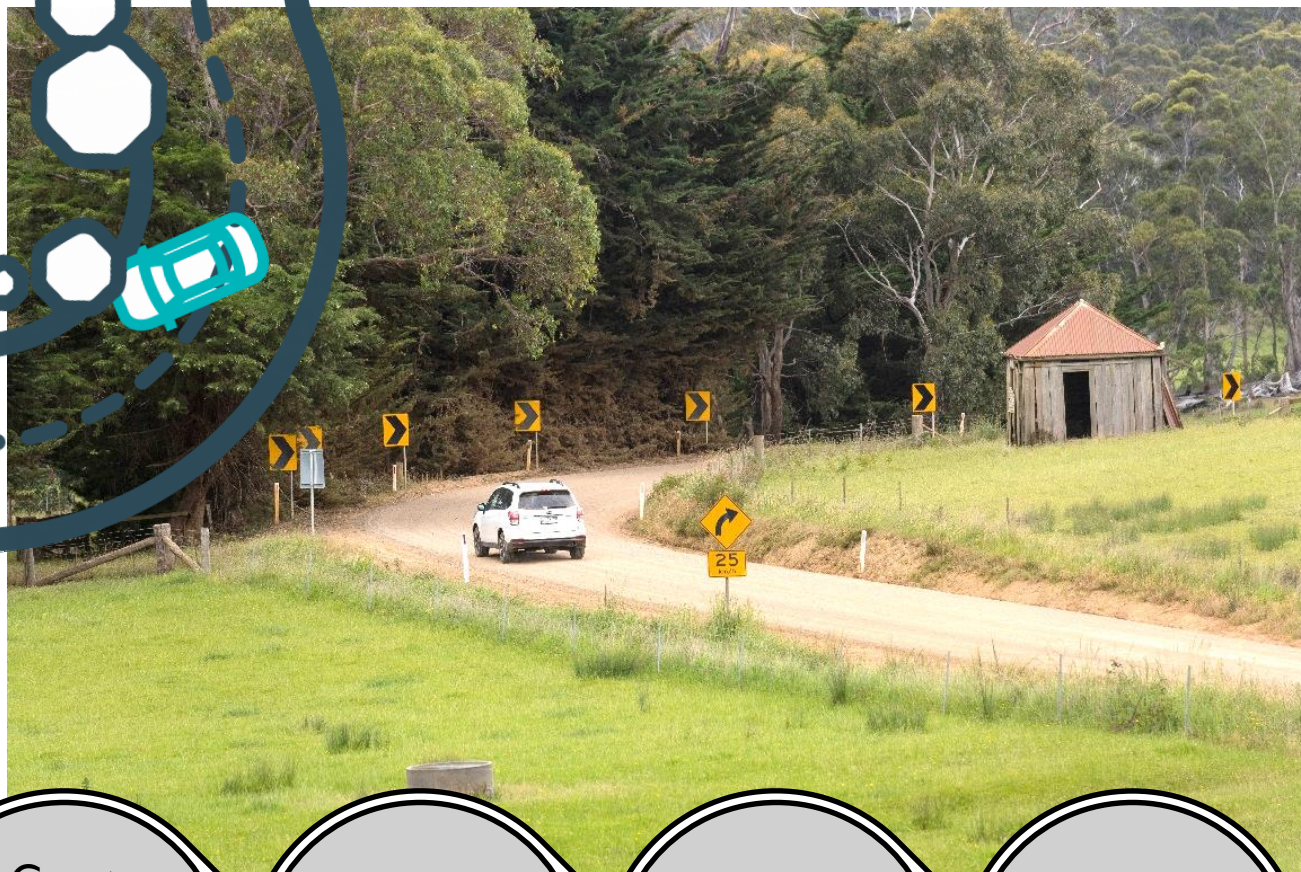


- \$2 million annually for a **new Safer Rural Roads Program** to improve rural roads
- **Over \$10 million investment in corridor-based infrastructure treatments** not including co-contribution from council.
- The program will target rural non-State Government owned roads.

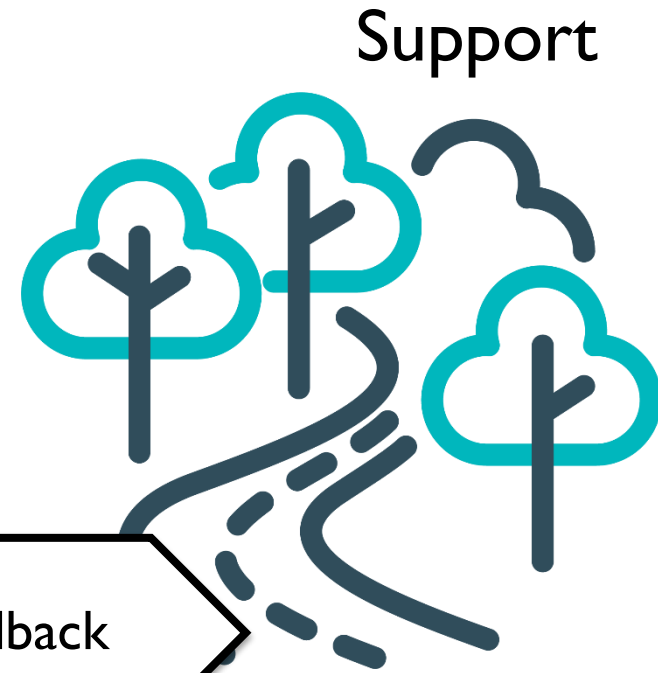
These roads account for one-third of fatal and serious crashes.



Safer Rural Roads Program



Draft timeline. Further advice will be provided to council on the program when it is confirmed.



Application
support

Technical
project
support

Feedback

The Road Safety Branch will be conducting webinars to support councils with a focus on: application support; and technical project support.

If you would like to provide feedback on the development of the webinars or anything related to this presentation you can make contact via email at:

vulnerable.road.user.program@stategrowth.tas.gov.au

We welcome your feedback.

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