

Summary

Road Safety to 2010 strategy

The *Road Safety to 2010* strategy sets out the government's longer term plan for road safety in New Zealand, including:

- € the government's goals of no more than 300 fatalities and 4,500 hospitalisations per year by 2010
- € targets for road safety, including regional and road user group targets
- € funding
- € the contributions being made by government agencies
- € how road safety will contribute to the broader transport objectives of the *New Zealand Transport Strategy*
- € the review process.

Land Transport NZ's contribution to safety management systems

Land Transport New Zealand (Land Transport NZ) is contributing to the adoption of safety management systems (SMS) by road controlling authorities (RCA) to ensure that decisions about construction, maintenance, management and operation of road networks consider safety and help achieve targets and goals identified in national and local road safety strategies.

Guidelines for developing and implementing a safety management system for road controlling authorities is a key component of this activity. Other initiatives being undertaken in this area include:

- € conducting technical workshops with industry to promote, develop and implement SMS
- € outlining appropriate audit regimes for SMS
- € developing general criteria for appropriate expertise in SMS management and identifying training needed to reach this level of expertise
- € developing an agreed national road classification system as the basis for managing the safety of the road network
- € specifying a network safety performance evaluation process to quantify the benefits of the SMS approach to road safety
- € surveying and assessing the existing network with regard to design standards and traffic management practice
- € developing procedures for evaluating the safety performance of the road network
- € encouraging the adoption of appropriate and consistently applied standards for each category of road hierarchy so we have a 'no surprises' road environment.

