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How the National Road Safety Strategy can support level crossing safety

National Level Crossing Safety Forum

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A national priority

- Road safety a national priority
- Zero road deaths and serious injuries by 2050 is the goal, known as Vision Zero
- The Office of Road Safety manages Commonwealth investment in national programs and projects that provide direct and indirect road safety benefits.
- We work with state, territory and local governments, police agencies, road safety organisations and other stakeholders to achieve our long-term Vision Zero goal.

The national road trauma picture



1,200

people die on
Australia's roads
every year

**SERIOUS
INJURIES ARE
INCREASING**



Almost

40,000

hospitalised in 2018

Increase of 3.3% per annum
from 2013

25% hospitalised had **high
threat to life injuries**

- 32 crashes and 790 near misses at level crossings between trains and road vehicles or people in 2019-20.

National Road Safety Strategy 2021-30

Targets by 2030



Fatalities
reduced by
50%

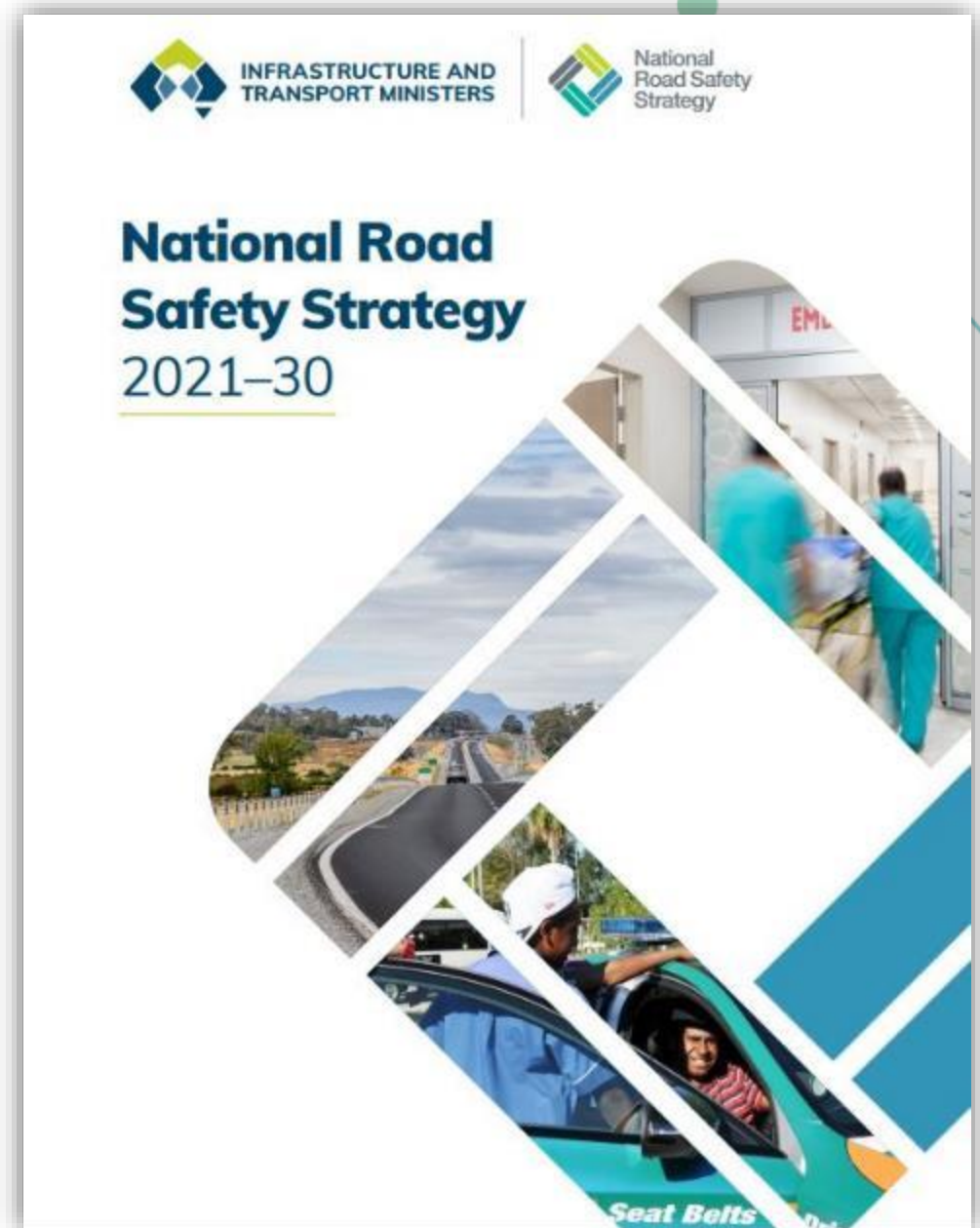
an approximate reduction
in rate per capita of **55%**

Note: Serious injuries target is interim until mid-term review
to establish the potential for lifting it by 2030

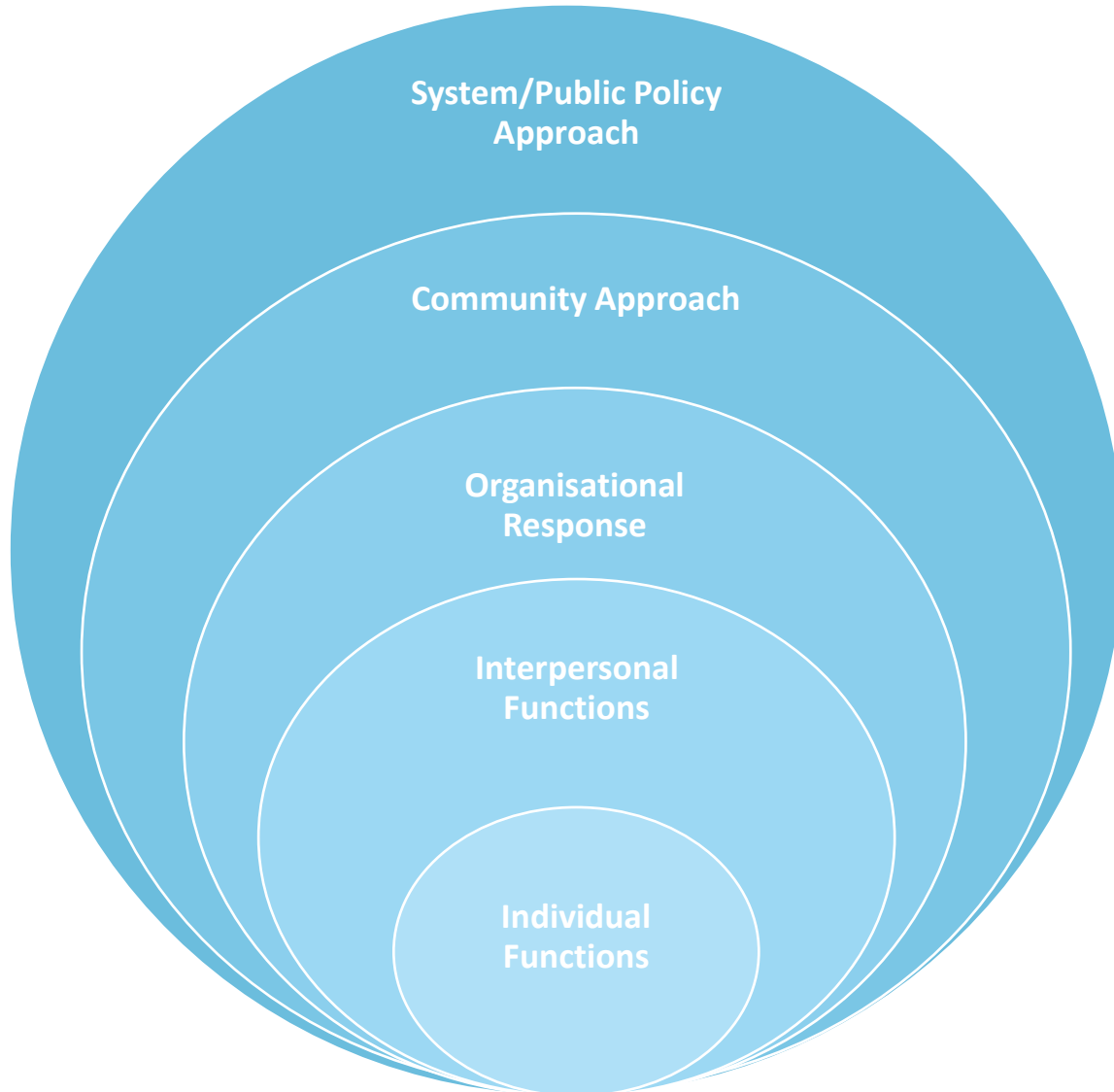


Serious injuries
reduced by
30%

an approximate reduction
in rate per capita of **38%**



The Social Model



System/Public Policy Approach	Legislation/funding availability and funding structures. Reduce or prevent health costs through better policy coordination and injury prevention.
Community Approach	Behaviours and attitudes in targeted sectors, facilitating the adoption of a positive road safety culture and targeted or niche groups to engage.
Organisational Response	Resources and the creation of an authorising environment to make safety a priority. Data and evidence is used to develop a strategic direction.
Interpersonal Functions	Capacity to leverage relationships with other agencies to reduce the social cost of road trauma, and help to build effective and influential leadership from within agencies.
Individual Functions	Capacity, skills, knowledge and experience of individuals to advocate and create change.

Commonwealth level crossing safety activities

- The **Regional Australia Level Crossing Safety Program** was announced in the March 2022 Budget to deliver:
 - Upgrades to regional level crossings (e.g from passive to active crossings)
 - A safety awareness campaign
 - Improved data collection and risk assessment for level crossings
 - Research into new technologies and safety measures for level crossing safety
- The Government is considering future funding priorities ahead of the October budget, including level crossing upgrades and safety initiatives

The National Level Crossing Safety Strategy

- The Commonwealth is also contributing to the **National Level Crossing Safety Strategy**.
- Commonwealth, state and territory infrastructure and transport Ministers agreed the framework for the Strategy in February 2022.

The National Road Safety Strategy and level crossing safety

- The National Road Safety Strategy has nine priority areas.
- Five of these priorities support level crossing safety:



Regional road safety



Workplace road safety



Remote road safety



Risky road use



Heavy vehicle safety

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