

## BRIDGE POLICY CIRCULAR

**BPC 2003/08**

**SUBJECT: Bridge Screens**

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### ***Background***

Over the last ten years, there has been a significant and increasing incidence of objects being thrown from overbridges onto traffic below. This has resulted in at least one death, a number of serious injuries and damage to vehicles.

### ***Current Position***

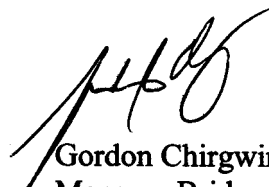
In 2002, the RTA adopted a policy for safety screening of bridges where the risk from objects being thrown onto traffic was excessive. This policy was issued as a Technical Direction (TD 2002 / RS02) by Road Safety and Road User Management Directorate.

### ***Action Required***

Project Managers for all designs of new bridges are to assess the need for safety screens in accordance with the requirements of the Technical Direction. Designers are to use the guidelines given in Appendix A of the Direction.

Copies of TD 2002 / RS02 are available from the RTA internet site (search 'bridge screening').

<p><i>The provisions of TD 2002/RS02 apply unless overwritten by Clause 12.3 of AS 5100.1.</i></p>
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