

We are pleased to offer this information as part of our continued commitment to keeping you informed about assistance available to councils. We hope you find this information useful and look forward to engaging with you again in the future.

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Focus on the customer

With an increasing focus by customers on the delivery of projects, Roads and Maritime Services has developed some new processes to closely monitor projects, including those delivered by Council. We monitor on what we said we would deliver; when we said we'd deliver; and how much we said it would cost to deliver.

Monthly reporting focusses on start of construction and open to traffic milestones, as well as cost or scope issues and performance against baseline data.

RMS is proposing to establish a working group to look at innovative ways in which we can improve our reporting and feedback. In the on-going spirit of collaboration we will ensure councils are a part of this process.

Our plan

Roads and Maritime exists to make NSW a better place to live. A place where people are connected to each other and to economic opportunity. A place known for its vibrant, liveable communities. A place where people and goods can move safely and efficiently on the road networks.

We do this as part of the NSW Transport cluster – planning, developing, investing in and managing an integrated transport system. Our investment in transport infrastructure shapes the future of our cities, centres and regions, as well as supporting continued strong growth in NSW.

Roads and Maritime's corporate plan 2018 to 2021, outlines our six priorities, as well as the initiatives we will deliver to support these priorities. Roads and Maritime wants to be an organisation that is:

- Focussed on our core services
- Delivers what customers value in the cities and in the regions
- A sophisticated manager of the road and maritime networks
- Safe – safer communities and a safer workplace
- Respectful of our community and the environment
- Always delivering on our commitments
- Working together with industry to innovate.

The corporate plan 2018-2021 is available on our website www.rms.nsw.gov.au

Natural disaster assistance



Roads and Maritime's role is to administer natural disaster funding on behalf of the Office of Emergency Management in the context of NSW

and Commonwealth Government eligibility criteria. The Commonwealth is expected to replace the existing Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) with Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) on 1 July 2018.

An information pack outlining the changes is available at www.drfa.support/day-labour-implementation-request-24-april-2018.

Councils are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the key changes and get involved with the consultation opportunities.

We are preparing to adjust our own guidelines to align with the new DRFA.

Local Government interface

The Local Government interface area of the Planning and Programs Branch oversees the policy settings on a range of programs which involve local councils. These include:

- Regional Road Block Grants, and
- Regional Roads REPAIR Program

Future Transport 2056

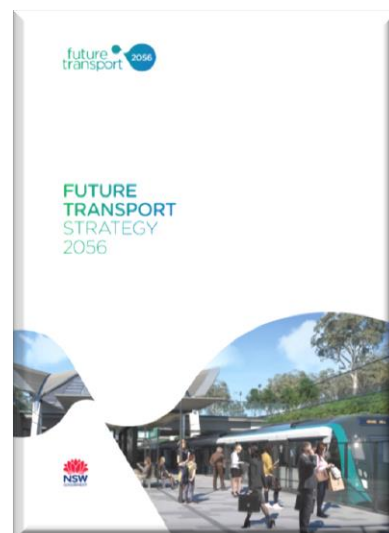
The Future Transport 2056 is an overarching strategy, supported by a suite of plans to achieve a 40 year vision for our transport system.

Transport is in a period of immense growth, change and disruption. We are more mobile than ever and our lives more interconnected. Technology presents opportunities – new ways to travel and plan journeys, and new ways to deliver cutting-edge services to our customers.

Future Transport 2056 ensures that we are prepared for rapid changes in technology and innovation to create and maintain a world class, safe, efficient and reliable transport system over the next 40 years.

Future Transport 2056 places the customer at the centre of everything we do. It outlines a vision, strategic directions and customer outcomes, with infrastructure and services plans underpinning the delivery of these directions across the state.

Future Transport 2056 aims to meet the economic and social needs of the community, particularly in regional areas. A road classification review is identified as a key strategic initiative (0-10 years) to advance this objective.

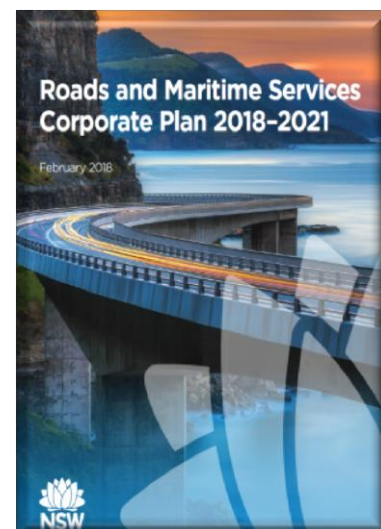


To maintain the equity and transparency of the road classification system for all local councils, road classification changes are considered periodically through an independent state-wide review process. This review is generally undertaken by an expert panel, which provides independent advice to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

Rest area framework

Roads and Maritime is responsible for delivering safe and efficient journeys throughout NSW. However, driver fatigue is one of the top three contributors to fatal crashes on our roads.

Roads and Maritime is working with industry to develop a rest stop framework. Issues raised and feedback from industry and other stakeholders are being considered during the framework development process. The rest stop framework is on track for delivery later this year.



Heavy vehicle safety – chain of responsibility

Roads and Maritime manages chain of responsibility (CoR) as part of the OneRMS safety management system. When we operate heavy vehicles, our focus is on understanding and managing the hazards and risks associated with heavy vehicle operations under WHS and heavy vehicle laws.

Chain of responsibility (CoR) laws form part of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), which regulates the use of heavy vehicles throughout Australia.

Under the HVNL, all parties who influence or control transport operations in the supply chain share responsibility for compliance with the law and for the safety of heavy vehicle operations – even if they have no direct role in driving or operating a heavy vehicle.

Roads and Maritime carries out activities such as:

- Transporting bulk materials
- Purchasing loose or packaged bulk materials
- Operating and driving heavy vehicles
- Engaging industry partners to operate heavy vehicles and undertake projects on which heavy vehicles are used.

Roads and Maritime has CoR requirements for heavy vehicle safety as part of its various roles within the supply chain. All parties within the supply chain must ensure that:

- All reasonable steps are taken to prevent a breach under the CoR provisions of the legislation for any heavy vehicle movements they control or influence
- They adhere to safe practices with respect to heavy vehicle operations
- Risks to health and safety (of workers, road users and the public) are eliminated or minimised so far as is reasonably practicable.



Council grants – reporting requirements

All projects administered under “Arrangements with councils for Road Management” require finalisation, inspection, and full reconciliation by Roads and Maritime.

All projects, excluding Block Grants, Traffic Route Lighting, and Road Safety Banners, require submission of a Final Certificate of Expenditure.

Final Certificates of Expenditure are to be submitted within three months of completion of the project.

Upon receipt of the final payment, Council will receive notification from Transport Shared Services confirming the Final Certificate due date.

Certified expenditure must be supported by a copy of Council General ledger for the project.

Some councils have achieved a significant reduction in their overdue certificates and Roads and Maritime is very appreciative of these efforts.

John Alexander, Director Roads and Maritime, Northern Region, will be discussing the matter with each Council General Manager as part of his routine visits.

Roads and Maritime seeks to have all overdue certificates finalised by no later than December 2018.

Road Safety Plan 2021

The NSW road network gives each of us access to our work, schools, friends and families and the services we need. For many it is our workplace, and for all it is a fundamental part of everyday life that keeps the economy moving.

But, sadly, lives are lost and people are seriously injured on our roads every day.

The State Road network is about 18,000 km (about 10% of the entire road network) and the Local Government network is approximately



160,000 km (about 90% of the entire road network).

Local Government therefore plays a key role in improving road safety and is a key partner in the delivery of the Road Safety Plan 2021.

The Road Safety Plan 2021 adopts the internationally recognised Safe System approach, which is a holistic and proven approach that considers how people, vehicles, speeds and roads work together to create a safe system.

To achieve the ultimate goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on NSW roads, we've adopted a safe system approach. This approach is underpinned by these principles:

- People are human and sometimes make mistakes – a simple mistake shouldn't cost anyone their life.
- Roads, roadsides and vehicles need to be designed to minimise crashes or reduce forces if a crash happens.
- Road safety is a shared responsibility – everyone needs to make safe decisions on and around the road to prioritise safety.

Initiatives to ensure safer roads, speeds, people and vehicles need to be implemented together so the road system not only keeps us moving, but safe and protected.

The Plan is available on the Centre for Road Safety's website at <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/>

Regional Operations branch

The Regional Operations branch in Roads and Maritime is a new branch reporting directly to Executive Director to improve customer focus and increase operational capability on the regional state road network.

This role of this new branch is to provide safe and efficient journeys for all users of the NSW regional road network. The branch is doing this by:

- Operating the regional road and tunnel network
- Developing emergency incident planning and response plans (Incident Response Plans)
- Planned operations (holiday, alpine)

- Managing road access – Road occupancy licensing and over size/over mass vehicles
- Providing real time journey information to our customers via media platforms and intelligent transport system capabilities
- Reviewing and providing oversight of special events and major projects
- Operating frameworks, developing strategies and plans
- Building relationships with stakeholders.



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