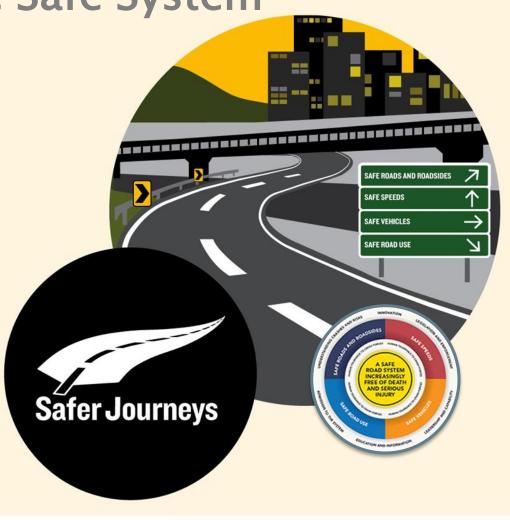
Implementing the Safe System Approach in New Zealand

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#### Some Facts About New Zealand

- It is NOT part of Australia
- 268,680 KM<sup>2</sup> A bit smaller than Finland
- Approximately 100,000 km or roads
- Population: 4.7 Million Humans
  - 30 Million Sheep
  - 7 Million cows



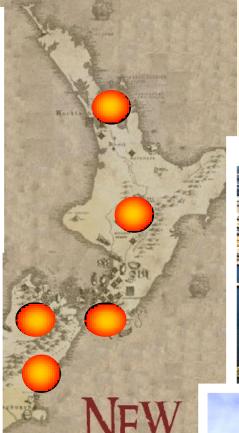


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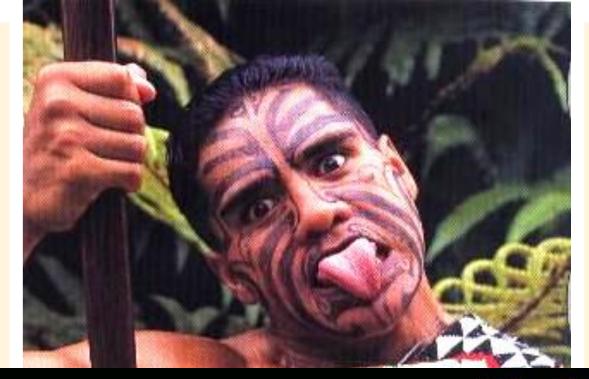












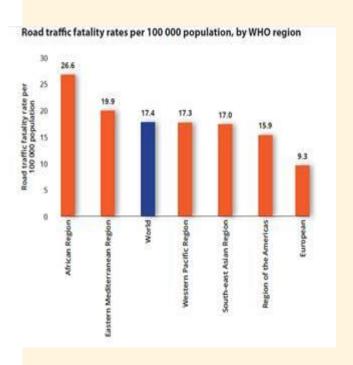
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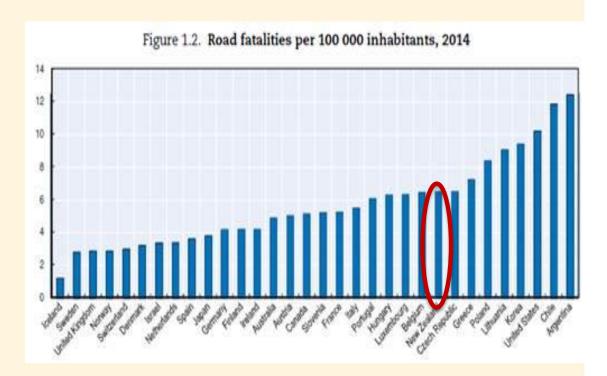




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#### New Zealand's Road Safety Performance





Source: Global Status Report on Road Safety (WHO 2015)

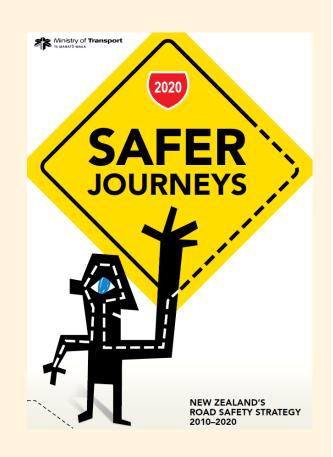
Source: IRTAD Road Safety Annual Report (2016)





## Safer Journeys: New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy 2010-2020

- Adopted Safe System approach
- Shift away from blaming the driver
- Whole of system approach







#### New Zealand's Safe System principles

People make People are Accept we mistakes vulnerable are human 3 4 We need to We need to share Manage strengthen all parts responsibility the system of the system





#### New Zealand's Safe System Elements







### **Change Management Process**

Communicate: International Experts

**Develop Resources** 

Embed: Technical Guides

Build Capacity: Training courses

• Enact: Demonstration Projects





#### Comunicate: International Expert Visits



#### Bruce Corben (Australia)





## Implementing the Safe System approach

#### What's happening?

Eric Howard, Safe System expert and Principal of Whiting Moyne, a Strategic Road Safety Advisory Consultancy, will visit six NZ. Transport Agency offices in April 2013 to speak about implementing the Safe System approach. All road safety partners are encouraged to participate.

Embedding the Safe System approach is a strategic priority for the NZ Transport Agency. These sessions build on Eric's highly successful visit to New Zealand in 2010 when Safer Journeys was launched. Now, three years on, we can all benefit from Eric's insight into how to deliver this transformational approach to saving lives and reducing serious inturies.

#### Eric's background

Eric is an internationally recognised expert on strengthening road safety management capacity within government and the development of practical, effective road safety policies and strategies involving relevant stakeholders.

Eric was responsible for the introduction of the Safe System approach to road safety in Australia. He continues to provide advice to government road safety agencies in most Australian states and to the national government.

He has lead and co-authored road safety management capacity reviews, drafted road safety strategies and provided road safety advice for the World Bank and governments in more than 25 developed and developing countries.

#### What will the seminar cover?

The focus of this session will be on delivering the Safe System approach. It will have a practical focus for system designers – planners, policy makers, engineers, investors, communicators, enforcers. Eric will begin the session with a presentation followed by plenty of time for a Q&A session, so bring along your questions.

#### How to register

If you are interested in attending the seminar in your region, please use the details below to



Eric Howard (Australia)





#### Communicate: Safe System Resources

We produced a range of simple resources to help explain what Safe System means for various groups.



#### for engineers



#### A safe road system is engineered well

Safer Journeys is New Zealand's road safety strategy to 2020, with the vision of a 'safe road system increasingly free of death and serious injury'.

At the heart of Safer Journeys is the Safe System approach, which recognises that people make mistakes and some crashes are inevitable. It states that people need to be protected from crash forces, and accommodates Safe System principles in the design and maintenance of roads and roadsides.

The responsibility of the road engineering sector is to help take New Zealand toward the vision of a safe road system increasingly free of death and serious injury. The sector will do this by creating a more forgiving road system that reduces the price paid for human error. No one should pay for a mistake with their life or limb.

Good road engineering sets the foundation for a Safe System that protects people from death and serious injury when mistakes occur.





## Safer journeys for planners

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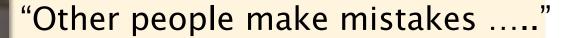




#### Communicate: Mistakes advertisement









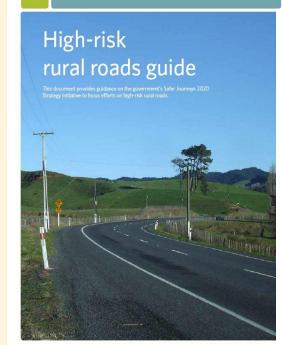


#### Communicate: Video





### Embed: Technical guides on-line



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afer journeys for motorcycling n New Zealand roads



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### **Build Capacity: Training Courses**



# **Enact: Demonstration Projects**From This





**BEFORE** 





# Enact: Demonstration Projects To This



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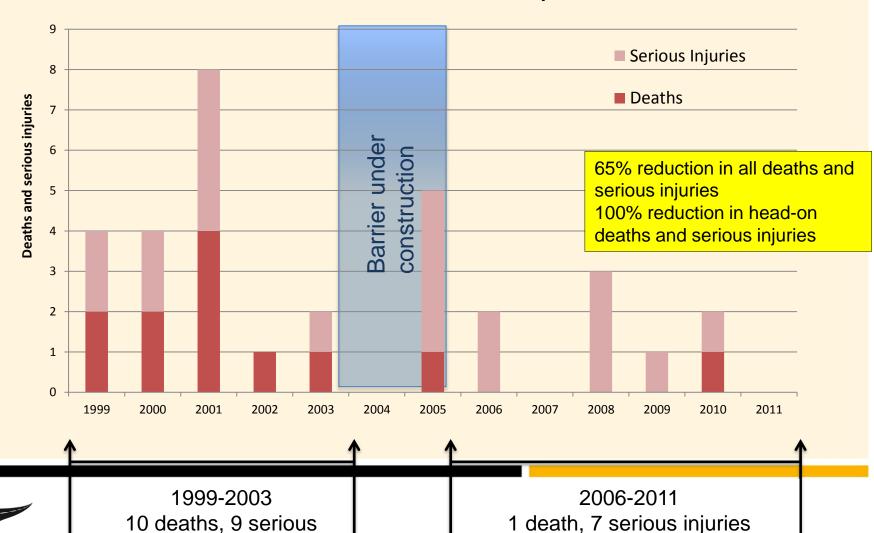




#### **Evaluate: Before and after results**

injuries

Deaths and serious injuries from all crash types before & after installation of wire rope barrier









## Austroads Safe System Assessment Framework

	ROR	но	INT	OTHER	PED	CYC	M/C
Exposure	High volume ×	High volume ×	High vol. on Burwood Hwy × Moderate vol. on Terrara Rd –	High volume ×	Low pedestrian volumes ✓	Low cyclist volumes	Low motorcyclist volumes ✓
	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
Likelihood	Steep grade × Deceleration lane ✓ Presence of intersection × No shoulders × Moderate clear zone – No barriers ×	Divided, wide/raised median Intersection movements/conflict points minimal for HO crash ✓	% turning movements × No. of lanes and conflict points × High speed × Poor sight distance × Protected turn lanes ✓	High no. of lanes × Protected turn lanes ✓ Short decel. lanes × Buses stopping ×	Service lane with footpath ✓ No crossing facilities at intersection × Many lanes to cross ×	Service lane – some separation ✓ No crossing facilities at intersection ×	No delineation × Well surfaced ✓ Straight road ✓
	3/4	1/4	3/4	3/4	4/4	4/4	3/4
Severity	High speed × No barriers × Steep grade × Poles and trees to hit ×	High speed × Low speed in side road ✓	High speed × Bad conflict angles ×	High speed ×	High speed × No crossing facilities ×	High speed ⋆	High speed × Some roadside hazards ×
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