



Media Release

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Governance of road safety heading in the right direction

RAC has welcomed the State Government's confirmation that the governance of road safety will be changed to help reduce the impact of road trauma on the community.

RAC General Manager Corporate Affairs, Will Golsby, said the Browne Review, released last year, highlighted a number of issues which were identified in the RAC's 2012 Public Discussion Paper on Road Safety Reform.

"RAC is strongly advocating for change because Western Australia's road safety record, and the impact of road trauma on the community, are simply unacceptable," Mr Golsby said.

"RAC supports and welcomes the appointment of an independent Road Safety Commissioner but maintains the view that the role should report directly to Parliament.

"RAC supports greater accountability and transparency because the harsh reality is that last year one person, on average, died on Western Australian roads every two days."

Reforms including changes to the existing governance structures, and the establishment of milestones to monitor progress and performances have also been welcomed as positive moves.

"RAC has identified the need for more information to be provided around the administration costs being proposed and attributed to the Road Trauma Trust Account, the management of fixed and red light cameras, and recovery of fines.

"Pressure will also remain on the State Government to ensure that funding from the Road Trauma Trust Account is flowing, sensibly, to road safety initiatives across the State, and not sitting idle as they currently are."

RAC acknowledges the State Government's commitment to the review of road safety governance in Western Australia and will now continue to work through the responses to each of the recommendations.

To read the RAC's response to the Browne Review, [click here](#).

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