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AUSTRALIA

Population: 22 268 384
Income group: High
Gross national income per capita: US$ 46 200

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency
Department of Infrastructure and Transport
Funded in national budget
Yes

National road safety strategy
Yes
Funding to implement strategy
Not funded
Fatality reduction targets set
Yes (2011–2020)
Fatality reduction target
At least 30% annually (number of deaths)

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction
Yes
Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure
Parts of network
Policies to promote walking or cycling
Yes
Policies to encourage investment in public transport
Yes
Policies to separate road users to protect VRUs
Yes

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2010)
16 061 038
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles
14 729 673
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers
660 107
Heavy trucks
397 871
Buses
86 367
Other
186 880

Vehicle standards applied
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards
Yes
New car assessment programme
Yes

Vehicle regulations
Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars
Yes
Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars
No

SAFER ROAD USERS

Penalty/demerit point system in place
Subnational
National speed limits
Subnational
Local authorities can set lower limits
Yes
Maximum limit urban roads
50 km/h

National drink–driving law
Subnational

BAC limit – general population
0.05 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers
0 g/dl
BAC limit – professional/commercial drivers
0 g/dl
Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints
Yes

National motorcycle helmet law
Subnational

Applies to drivers and passengers
Yes
Helmet standard mandated
Yes

Emergency medicine training for nurses
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Emergency Room based injury surveillance system
Yes

National child restraint law
Subnational

Law applies to front and rear seat occupants
Yes

Helmet wearing rate
99% Drivers

National seat-belt law
Subnational

Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use
Yes

Seat-belt wearing rate
97% Front seats

Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones
No

Other (<1%)

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2010)
1 363, 72% M, 28% F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes
1.7%¹

¹ Police records. Died within 30 days of crash.
² 2009, Dept of Infrastructure and Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE).

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Australian Road Deaths Database.

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