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Road safety investments

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Road Safety Ministers meet regularly, and in early 2026 jointly acknowledged the need for continued collaboration and reaffirmed a commitment to improving road safety outcomes nationally.

The Australian Government is committed to improving road safety outcomes in line with the National Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030 and is investing in a range of initiatives to deliver this work.

National road safety data and coordination

- Improved the reporting of national road safety data through the National Road Safety Data Hub.
- Formalised national data sharing arrangements for road crash data collected from states and territories through a Data Sharing Agreement signed by all governments in April 2024.
- Embedded commitments for state and territory governments to work with the Australian Government on nationally consistent road safety data as part of reporting requirements under the Federation Funding Agreement Schedule on Land Transport Infrastructure projects.

Road Safety Initiatives

- Established the National Road Safety Action Grants Program, providing \$38.8 million for 81 projects from 2022-23 to 2026-27 to deliver non-infrastructure road safety initiatives across Australia.
- Committed \$16.5 million over five years from 2023-24 to 2027-28 for the Car Safety Ratings Program, supporting improved testing protocols for new light vehicles and safety evaluations for used vehicles.
- Committed \$21.2 million over six years from 2024-25 to improve national road safety data reporting through the National Road Safety Data Hub.

Infrastructure investment and delivery

- Investing more than \$27 billion in direct and indirect funding for road safety-related initiatives over 10 years from 2025-26 as part of the Government's \$120 billion infrastructure investment pipeline. This includes \$7.2 billion to bring forward critical safety upgrades on the Bruce Highway.
- Providing \$50 million every year under the Active Transport Fund from 2026-27, dedicated to improving safety for vulnerable road users by upgrading or constructing new bicycle and walking pathways.
- Increased funding for the Roads to Recovery Program, committing \$4.4 billion nationally over the current five-year funding period, including \$845.9 million allocated nationally in 2026-27. Funding under the program will reach \$1 billion a year by 2027-28.
- Increased Black Spot Program funding to \$150 million annually, with over 1200 safety upgrades projects funded since 2022, including more than 500 in rural locations.
- Established and committed the \$200 million per year ongoing Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program and in the 2026-27 Budget announced changes to further prioritise road safety as the program's primary focus.
- Committed \$160 million to deliver the Regional Level Crossing Upgrade Fund to support investment in low-cost upgrades to level crossing safety protections.
- Committed a further \$1 billion to the Road Safety Program from 2023-24 to 2026-27 that supports the rollout of lifesaving road safety treatments.
- Increased total funding and permanently indexed funding for the National Land Transport Network maintenance with \$483.3 million being provided in 2026-27

Future research and national impact

- The Government is investing in national road safety research so future funding is targeted where it can have the greatest impact. This work will draw on expert advice and leverage the National Road Safety Data Hub to fund research that examines how and why road crashes occur and what more governments can do to improve road safety outcomes.