Safe Network Programme update: Why speed is important

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Government direction









Focus on safety

"This government has made road safety one of our highest priorities." "Far too many New Zealanders have lost their lives or been seriously injured in crashes that could have been prevented by road safety upgrades."

"No other industry accepts hundreds of people dying each year. No person I know thinks losing a loved one in a crash is an acceptable price to pay for living in a modern society - that's why we're making safety a priority." "380 people were killed on our roads in 2018. It is a staggering and unnecessary loss of life. It is yet another reminder of the need to make substantial improvements to road safety in New Zealand." "Many deaths and serious injuries on our roads are preventable. This Government is committed to reducing deaths and serious injuries through new thinking, more funding and prioritised action."





Investment in safety













Prioritising access

A land transport system that:

Provides increased access to economic and social opportunities

















What this means









Safe Network Programme



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New Zealand has a road safety problem





We perform poorly internationally

International comparison of deaths per 100,000 population (2016)







Safe Network Programme

- Make the country's highest risk state highways and local roads safer
- > Save 160 DSIs per year
- > Three-year \$1.5b programme
- > Partnership with local government
- > Three components:
 - 1. Safe roads and roadsides
 - 2. Safe and appropriate speeds
 - 3. Safe rail level crossings











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