

Communiqué

Austrroads Board Meeting No. 53

31 July 2024 | Darwin, Northern Territory



The Austrroads Board met on 31 July 2024 in Darwin, Northern Territory. The meeting was chaired by Louise McCormick, Infrastructure Commissioner, Infrastructure NT, Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics Northern Territory.

The Chair acknowledged the Australian indigenous peoples as the first peoples of Australia, and specifically acknowledged the local indigenous people, the Larrakia, of the Darwin area. She also acknowledged the Māori as the original people of New Zealand and the Treaty of Waitangi.

Austrroads constitution

The Board approved changes to the Austrroads constitution to better recognise and serve New Zealand, and to give Austrroads capability to undertake activities relating to non-road surface transport, where it made sense to do so without duplicating others' efforts.

Appointment of company secretary

The Board approved the appointment of Sharon Johnson as second company secretary of Austrroads Ltd from 1 August 2024. Sharon is Austrroads' Head of Corporate Services

Austrroads not-for-profit self-assessment

The Australian Taxation Office now requires an annual self-assessment of not-for-profit status. The Austrroads Board approved the assessment of Austrroads Ltd as a not-for-profit resource development organisation as at 30 June 2024.

Risk management

The Board Risk Management Committee is uplifting the maturity of Austrroads' risk management processes and identifying risks that are being actively addressed by staff. A risk dashboard will be developed for Directors. The Committee will include a future focus on Work Health and Safety.

Resilience seminar

The Board agreed that Austrroads would coordinate a one-day seminar focused on resilience in February 2025. The seminar will be held in Sydney and hosted by Transport for NSW.

Austrroads awards

The Board approved the recipients of the 2024 Austrroads Awards. The awards recognise the contribution of individuals to the work of Austrroads, usually in addition to their regular work for member organisations. The success of Austrroads is heavily dependent on the efforts and commitment of these individuals and the awards are a way of publicly acknowledging their contribution. A new collective awards category, recognising effective teamwork or harmonisation has been established and will be awarded for the first time this year.

Priority projects

National Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework

The Board noted that a Project Steering Committee has been established and that an inception report to guide the project was in the final stages of development.

Safety at Road Worksites (harmonisation of temporary traffic management practice)

The Board noted that Stage 2 of this project has now been completed. Additional guidance for the use of temporary traffic management in low-risk environments is being developed. Stage 3, procurement of the ICT Registry, has commenced. There are now 25 approved training providers and 75 approved trainers. More than 2,500 people have completed training. The AITDSA Scheme now has six devices recommended for use and a further four under assessment.

Technical Specifications

The Board noted that 66 Austroads Technical Specifications have now been published with a further 79 at various stages of development and approval.

Heavy Vehicle Hazard Perception Testing

The Board approved continuation of the project to deliver heavy vehicle hazard perception testing, considering the outcomes from the current evaluation of light vehicle hazard perception testing. This evaluation, due to be completed by the end of the year, will inform the development of test clips for heavy vehicle drivers.

Next Austroads Meeting

The next Austroads Board meeting will be held 21 November 2024 in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.