

Media statement

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Strong Governance for Road Safety Advisory Council

Former Deputy Police Commissioner Scott Tilyard has commenced as the new Chair of the Tasmanian Road Safety Advisory Council, bringing a renewed focus on road safety initiatives, improving driver behaviour and tangible actions.

Well known and highly regarded across the state, Mr Tilyard served with Tasmania Police for more than 40 years.

He also played a vital and high-profile role in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic as Deputy State Controller.

“As Chair of the Road Safety Advisory Council, I am committed to improving road safety in Tasmania and reducing the harm and devastation that road crashes cause.

“Many challenges still lay ahead in our journey towards our target of zero serious injuries and deaths on Tasmanian roads.

“But I have seen how Tasmania successfully curbed the COVID-19 pandemic through high community engagement, commitment and compliance.

“While we know that we will never be able to eliminate human mistakes, we can do more to mitigate the damage to our fragile human bodies when mistakes do occur.

“With Road Safety, we know what works and we have a plan to save lives and reduce injuries. With a safe, system wide approach we can improve our roads with safety treatments, promote safer vehicles and make sure we have appropriate speed limits, but to ensure our road users are safer, we need the community’s support and commitment.

“We all have a part to play in making a zero road toll a reality. High risk behaviours put others at risk on our roads, but the seemingly little things also make a difference. Don’t go that couple of kilometres over the speed limit, don’t pick up your phone, give your full attention to the driving task. Road Safety is everybody’s responsibility.

“I look forward to playing my part as Chair of the Council to work towards our vision of making zero happen.”

The Road Safety Advisory Council provides advice to government on effective road safety measures and oversees the *Towards Zero Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy* and allocation of the Road Safety Levy.

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