

2015 ACRS Fellowship Acceptance Speech
(Rob McInerney – CEO, iRAP)

Thank you Minister McCormack, it is an absolute pleasure and honour to receive the ACRS Fellowship award.

The Australasian College of Road Safety, Lauchlan, Claire and all the ACRS members provide the head, heart and soul of road safety in this region. We all share the same passion to make a difference and reduce death and injury on our roads and ACRS helps unite us all in our efforts.

I'd also like to recognise all of the ACRS Fellows who have made a great contribution to road safety over the years. With the UN Global Goal to halve road deaths and injuries by 2020, it is now up to all of us to be brave and more ambitious than ever before to strive towards zero.

I have benefited from the help and mentoring of so many road safety experts over the years and for that I am very thankful. The great investment in road safety research by Austroads, ARRB and others has helped provide the foundation of knowledge many of us are now using to help save lives right around the world. The great work of the iRAP team and all of our partners worldwide is key to our success in saving lives.

Congratulations to ACRS, Austroads and CARRS-Q on such a great event here on the Gold Coast. With 33,900 killed and injured a year here in Australia and 100,000 killed and injured every day on the world's roads there is so much more to be done. The UN has set us the challenge to halve road deaths and injuries by 2020 – so be brave, be ambitious and be more passionate than ever and together we can achieve that target – one life at a time!

Thanks and all the best