



## ARSC2015

### Declaration for Trauma Free Roads

We, the participants of the 2015 Australasian Road Safety Conference at the Gold Coast 14-16th October 2015 declare that:

We are committed to achieving roads free of serious injury and death.

We understand to achieve this vision we need to change the way we think and act in relation to road safety in all decision-making that affects the road system, its operation and its use.

We support the Safe System Approach to achieve the vision of trauma free roads.

We will apply the four guiding principles of the Safe System Approach in all our work and will advocate for their use by others:

- 1. Human beings can and do make mistakes that can lead to road crashes;*
- 2. The human body by nature has a limited ability to sustain crash forces;*
- 3. All road users, all road managers, Governments, vehicle manufacturers and business have a shared responsibility to take appropriate actions to ensure that road crashes do not lead to fatal or serious injuries; and*
- 4. All parts of the system need to be strengthened- roads and roadsides, speeds, vehicles, and road use- so that if one part fails, other parts will still protect all the people involved.*

We know as professionals, it is possible to achieve ambitious improvements by applying the principles of the Safe System Approach.

With this knowledge, we as professionals, have a moral and ethical responsibility to act not only in our work, but also to inform and influence others including our political, community and business leaders and opinion leaders to take actions under a shared responsibility to implement the Safe System Approach for trauma free roads.