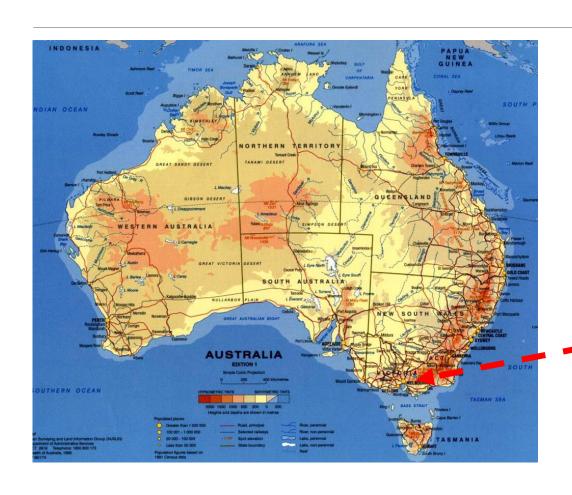
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### Australian Road Safety Institutional Arrangements

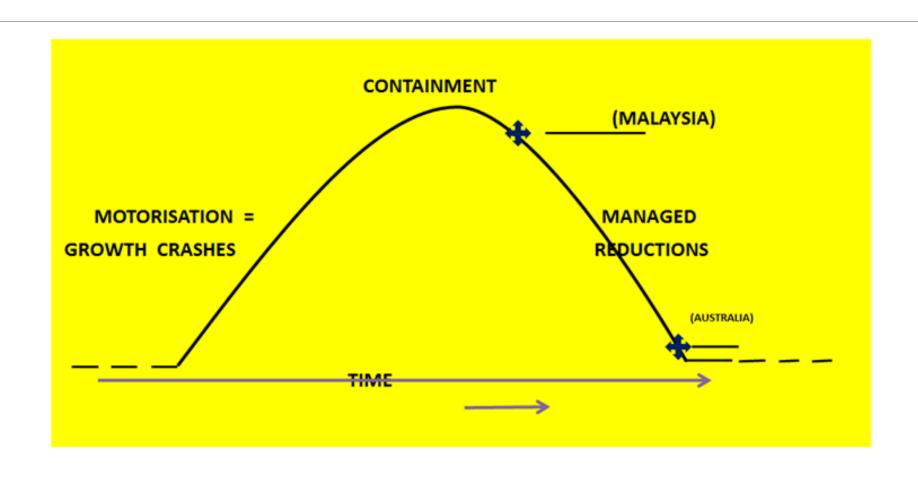
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## Australia (Pop:23 m, rolling road deaths = 1269 @5.3 per 100k) Three levels of government with road safety responsibility



- National (1)
- State (6+3 Territories)
- **Local** (565)
- \* 823,821 km (9)
- ❖ 18 mil veh. (M/c 4.5%)
- Average Age 10.1 years
- State of Victoria

### **AUSTRALIAN ROAD SAFETY BY PHASE**



## Australian Road Safety Function by Government Level

	Management	Vehicle	People	Roads	Funding	Data	Trauma
National	✓	✓			✓	✓	
State	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Local	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	

Note: Approximately 1,000 officers fully engaged

# Australian Road Safety Management, Coordination and Decision Making Arrangements (NOTE: State based delivery)

#### We have put in place:

- effective road safety management arrangements for developing and implementing strategies, programs and actions;
- lead agency roles and responsibilities
- effective coordination and partnership development;
- importance of *results focus* and clear accountabilities of each agency, in addition to shared responsibilities

### The Critical Lead Agency Role

As the focus on results has evolved, increasing attention been paid to participating agency roles and responsibilities.

Lead agency role is of crucial importance in directing strategic effort across all identified institutional management functions.

Lead agency forms follow these necessary functions, but there is no preferred structural model for a successful lead agency.

### Lead agency and cooperative agency working

- 'Lead agency' designation of existing agency often challenging step
- Existing dedicated resourcing usually inadequate to fulfil Secretariat function
- Requires specific skills, sufficient resources and sustained technical assistance.
- Will be at centre of efforts to improve road safety performance.
- Cooperative/ coordinated approach at national level in many UNESCAP countries not common.



## Clear roles and responsibilities for all agencies (Messages)

In good practice countries coherent and active machinery of government must be in place

Participating agencies have clear safety roles and responsibilities and work together with guidance from accountable lead agency

Without this well-defined institutional 'ownership', authority and accountability road safety performance cannot be brought under

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