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| **Vehicle Safety Standards Branch, Surface Transport Policy Division** Function arrangements as at 12 August 2019 | |
| The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development is responsible for the design and implementation of the Australian Government's infrastructure, transport and regional development policies and programs.  The Vehicle Safety Standards Branch (VSS) of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development, administers the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989 which sets vehicle standards for all new vehicles entering the Australian market and regulates the supply to the market of used vehicles. It is also responsible for international engagement in the development of vehicle regulations and the Department’s involvement in the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP). The Branch also assesses alleged vehicle safety defects and monitors manufacturers’ voluntary recall campaigns. | |
| **Ms Sharon Nyakuengama**, General Manager Vehicle Safety Standards Branch | |
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| Road Vehicle Standards Act Implementation Program Group | |
| **Ms Sharon Nyakuengama**  Program Director | |
| Responsible for:   * development and implementation of the Road Vehicle Standards Rules, Regulations, and Determinations * providing guidance on the Road Vehicle Standards legislation * engaging with in-service regulators and industry to facilitate the smooth transition to operating under the Road Vehicle Standards legislation * implementing charges under the Road Vehicle Standards legislation * ensuring a skilled workforce to facilitate the smooth transition to operating under the Road Vehicle Standards legislation | Tel:+61 2 6274 7266  Email:[sharon.nyakuengama@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:sharon.nyakuengama@infrastructure.gov.au)  Web:   * Vehicles: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/](https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/) * Road Vehicle Standards Implementation: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rvs/](https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rvs/index.aspx) * Register of Approved Vehicles: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rav/](https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rav/index.aspx) * Road vehicle recalls working group: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/recalls/rvr/](https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/recalls/rvr/index.aspx) |
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| **Ms Alison Whatson**  Director, Regulatory Design and Operational Implementation | |
| Responsible for:   * leading the design of new regulatory processes for the implementation of the Road Vehicle Standards legislation * drafting of Road Vehicle Standards Rules, Regulations and Determinations * manage any amendments to the Road Vehicle Standards legislation * providing information to Vehicle Safety Standards Branch, in-service regulators and industry to facilitate the smooth transition to operating under the Road Vehicle Standards legislation * Secretariat support for the Road Vehicle Recalls Working Group   + Email: [recalls@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:recalls@infrastructure.gov.au) | Tel:+61 2 6274 7071  Email:[alison.whatson@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:alison.whatson@infrastructure.gov.au) |
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| Mr Graham Evans Director, Program Support and Stakeholder Engagement | |
| Responsible for:   * leading engagement with industry and in-service regulators to facilitate the smooth transition to operating under the Road Vehicle Standards legislation * finalising the cost recovery model to implement charges under the Road Vehicle Standards legislation * ensuring a skilled workforce to facilitate the smooth transition to operating under the Road Vehicle Standards legislation * Secretariat support for the RVSA Implementation Consultation Groups   + Email: [RVSAimplementation@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:RVSAimplementation@infrastructure.gov.au) | Tel:+61 2 6274 7643  Email:[graham.evans@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:graham.evans@infrastructure.gov.au)  Web:   * Road Vehicle Standards legislation implementation: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rvs/](https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rvs/index.aspx) |
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| Vehicle Standards and Regulatory Operations Group | | |
| Mr Rob Bradley Senior Director and Operations Manager | **Mr David Morton** Acting Director, Operational Policy – Risk, Compliance and Enforcement | |
| Responsible for:   * the ongoing vehicle standards development program * regulatory operations under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989 * working closely with the Road Vehicle Standards Act Implementation Program Group in readiness for implementation of the Road Vehicle Standards legislation   Tel: +61 2 6274 8049  Email: [robert.bradley@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:robert.bradley@infrastructure.gov.au)  Web:   * Vehicles: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/](https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/recalls/index.aspx) * Vehicle safety standards and information: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/safety/](https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/safety/) | Responsible for:   * providing advice and guidance on regulatory policy, compliance and regulatory risk management under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989 * assessing reports of alleged vehicle safety and non-compliance issues * responding to serious or systemic safety or non-compliance issues * monitoring the progress of voluntary motor vehicle recalls   Tel:+61 2 6274 6055  Email:[david.morton@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:david.morton@infrastructure.gov.au)  Web:   * Vehicle Recalls: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/recalls/](https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/recalls/index.aspx) * Compliance and Enforcement: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/compliance\_and\_enforcement/](https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/compliance_and_enforcement/index.aspx) * Vehicle safety and non-compliance reports: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/reporting/](https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/reporting/index.aspx) | |
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| Mr Garry Muir Director, Risk and Compliance | | **Mr Thomas Belcher** Acting Director, Standards Development and International |
| Responsible for:   * managing, maintaining and communicating the approach to compliance and enforcement activity and regulatory risk management * leading risk identification, prioritisation and assessment through data collection and analysis * referrals and intelligence * compliance and operational planning * compliance reporting, monitoring and evaluation   Tel: +61 2 6274 6241  Email: [garry.muir@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:garry.muir@infrastructure.gov.au) | Responsible for:   * leading and coordinating the domestic consultation process for major vehicle standards development * assisting the department to meet its obligations and further Australian interests under the 1958 and 1998 agreements * conducting research to assist in the development of improved vehicle safety standards * Secretariat support for Strategic Vehicle Safety and Environmental Group (SVSEG)   + Email: [SVSEGMAIL@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:SVSEGMAIL@infrastructure.gov.au)   Tel:+61 2 6274 7511  Email:[thomas.belcher@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:thomas.belcher@infrastructure.gov.au) | |
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| Mr Kieran Vassallo Acting Director, Vehicle Imports & Client Services | | **Dr Linda Rasmussen**  Director, Vehicle Imports & Client Services |
| Responsible for:   * Motor Vehicle Standards Act   + concessional imports   + administration management for RAWs, certification and vehicle imports   + assessment of all import applications   Tel: +61 2 6274 6272  Email: [kieran.vassallo@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:Kieran.vassallo@infrastructure.gov.au) | Responsible for:   * operational readiness for the commencement of the Road Vehicle Standards legislation - concessional pathways and tools   Tel:+61 2 6274 7459  Email: [linda.rasmussen@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:linda.rasmussen@infrastructure.gov.au)  Web:   * Importing vehicles into Australia: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/imports/](https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/imports/) | |
| Mr Stephen Spencer Director, Standards Review and Maintenance | | **Mr Umesh Shamdasani** Director, Certification & Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme |
| Responsible for:   * technical input to support the implementation of the Road Vehicle Standards legislation and implementation of the Road Vehicle Standards Rules, Regulations, and Determinations * the review and maintenance of the national vehicle standards – the Australian Design Rules (ADRs) * coordinating the department’s deregulation activity relating to the ADRs, in particular deleting or amending Australian specific content and harmonising with international standards where possible * Secretariat support for Technical Liaison Group (TLG)   + Email: [tlg@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:tlg@infrastructure.gov.au)   Tel: +61 2 6274 7430  Email: [stephen.spencer@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:stephen.spencer@infrastructure.gov.au)  Web:   * Australian Design Rules: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/design/](https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/design/index.aspx) | Responsible for:   * oversight of the first supply of vehicles to market through: * the issuing of Identification Plate Approvals for new vehicle types * oversight of the Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme for used imported vehicles * managing the resolution of conformity of production and test facility audits of vehicle manufacturers and associated entities * operational readiness for the commencement of the Road Vehicle Standards legislation - type approval pathway and model reports * Secretariat support for the Vehicle Certification Discussion Forum   + Email: [certificationforum@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:certificationforum@infrastructure.gov.au)   Tel:+61 2 6274 6264  Email:[umesh.shamdasani@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:umesh.shamdasani@infrastructure.gov.au)  Web:   * Vehicle regulation: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/vehicle\_regulation/](https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/vehicle_regulation/index.aspx) * Vehicle certification: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/certification/](https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/certification/index.aspx) * Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/raws/](https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/raws/) * Specialist and enthusiast vehicle scheme: [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/sevs/](https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/sevs/index.aspx) | |
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