



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.

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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

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- Road Vehicle Standards Implementation: infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rvs/
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- Road vehicle recalls working group: infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/recalls/rvr/

Ms Alison Watson

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
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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
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Vehicle Standards and Regulatory Operations Group

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Senior Director and Operations Manager

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

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Mr David Morton

Acting Director, Operational Policy – Risk, Compliance and Enforcement

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
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- Vehicle safety and non-compliance reports: infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/reporting/

Mr Garry Muir

Director, Risk and Compliance

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

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Mr Thomas Belcher

Acting Director, Standards Development and International

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
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 - concessional imports
 - administration management for RAWs, certification and vehicle imports
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Responsible for:

- operational readiness for the commencement of the Road Vehicle Standards legislation - concessional pathways and tools

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- Importing vehicles into Australia: infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/imports/

Mr Stephen Spencer

Director, Standards Review and Maintenance

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
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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
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- Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme: infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/raws/
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