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Speed Limit Setting

An Overview of the National, State and Local
Framework

Slow Streets, Strong Voices: Building Momentum for Safer Speeds

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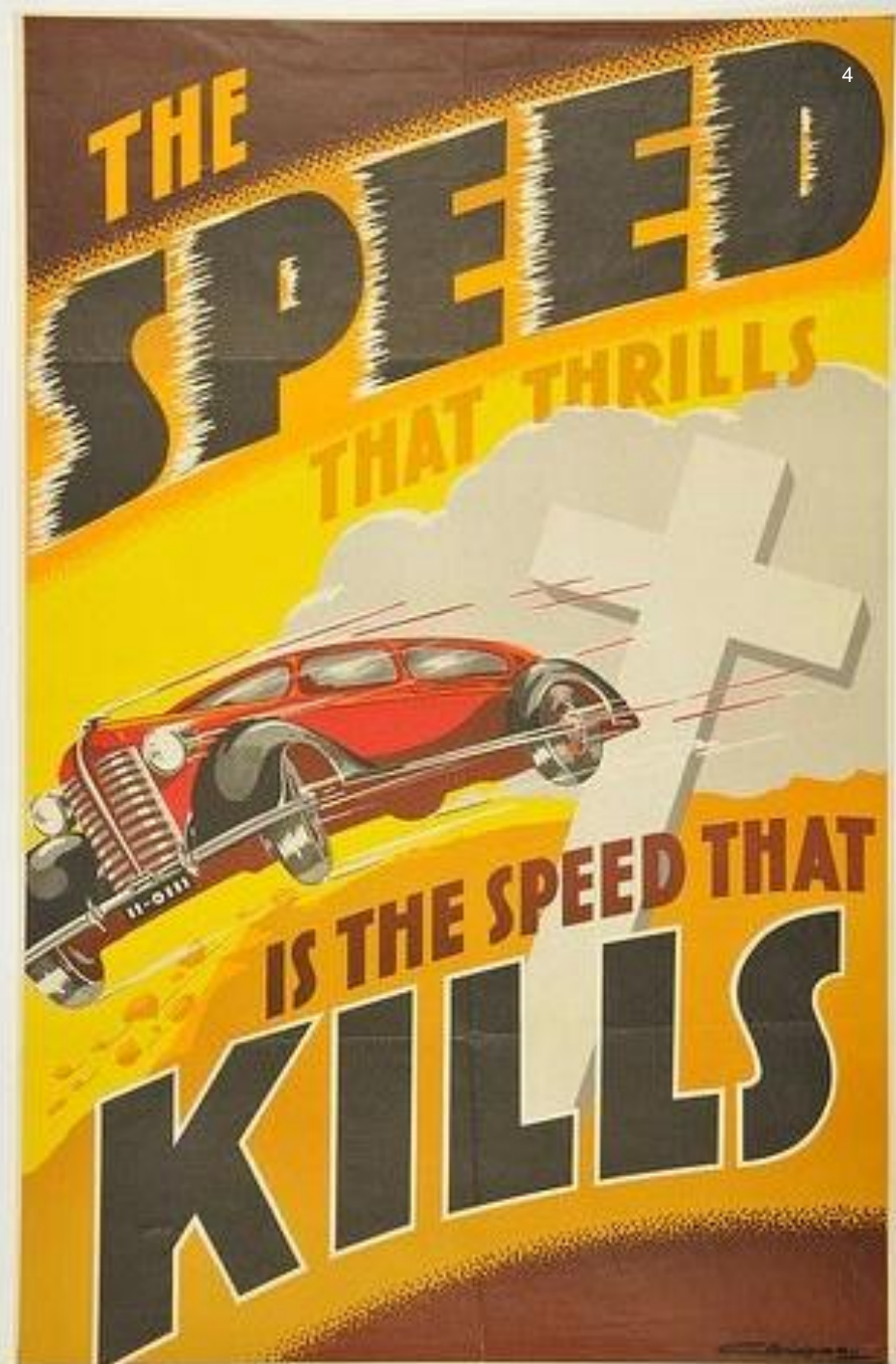


Safety moment



Outline

- Australian speed limit setting framework
 - National
 - State
 - Local
- Opportunities for change



Australian Speed Limit Setting Framework

- National
- State
- Local

CAN YOU **STOP?**



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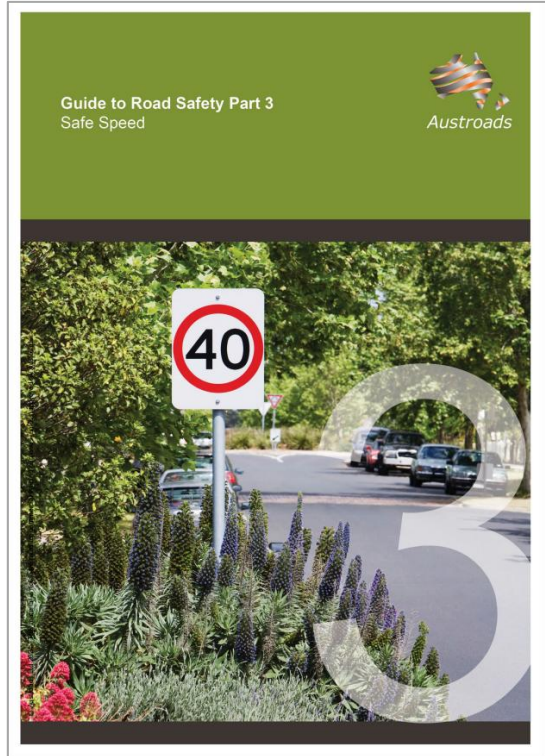
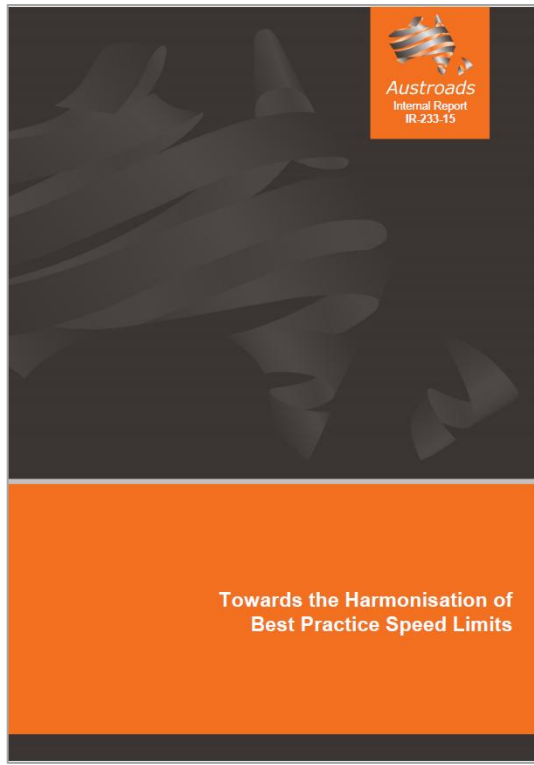
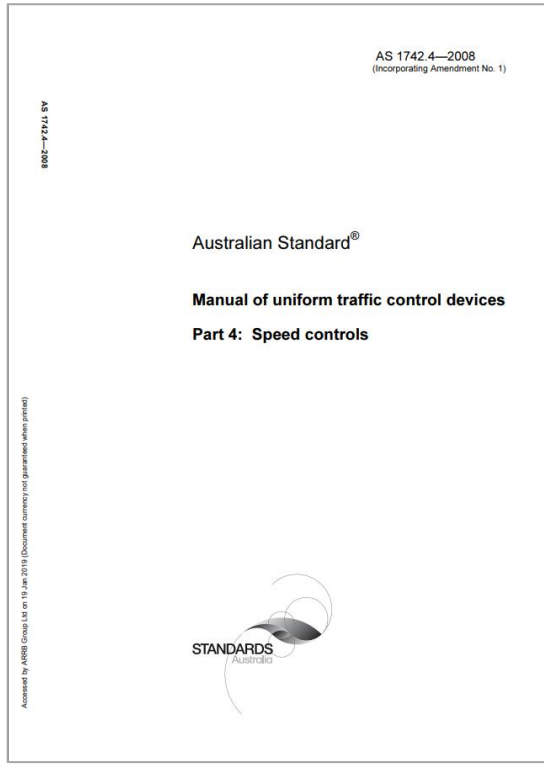
National

- Government
 - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts
 - Office of Road Safety
- Technical – practitioner
 - Austroads
 - Standards Australia
- Associations
 - Australasian College of Road Safety
 - Australian Automobile Association
 - State members (NRMA, RACV, RAQ...)

National Road Safety Strategy 2021–30



National

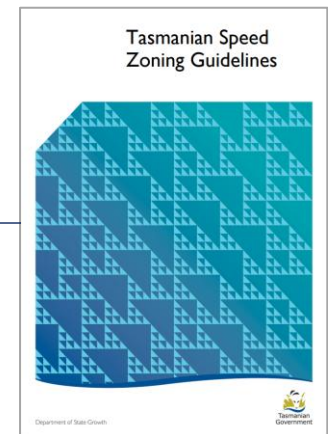
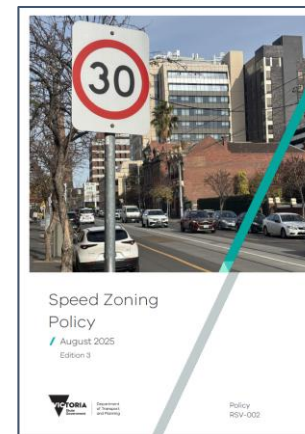
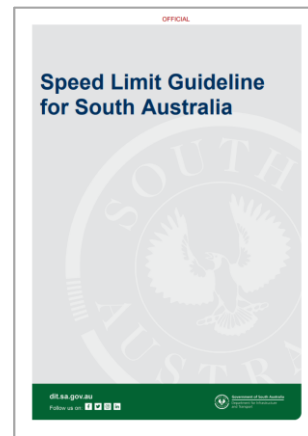
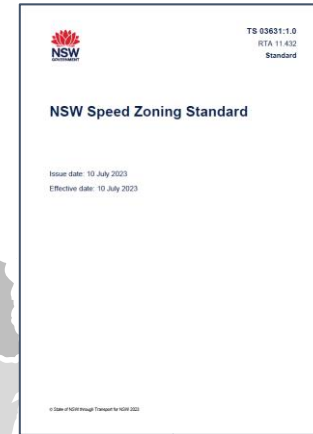
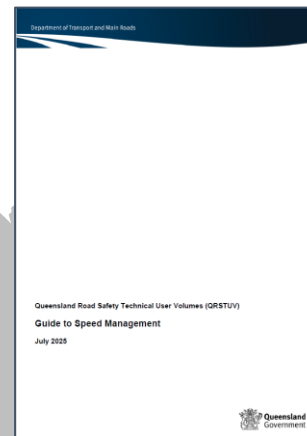


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State & Territory

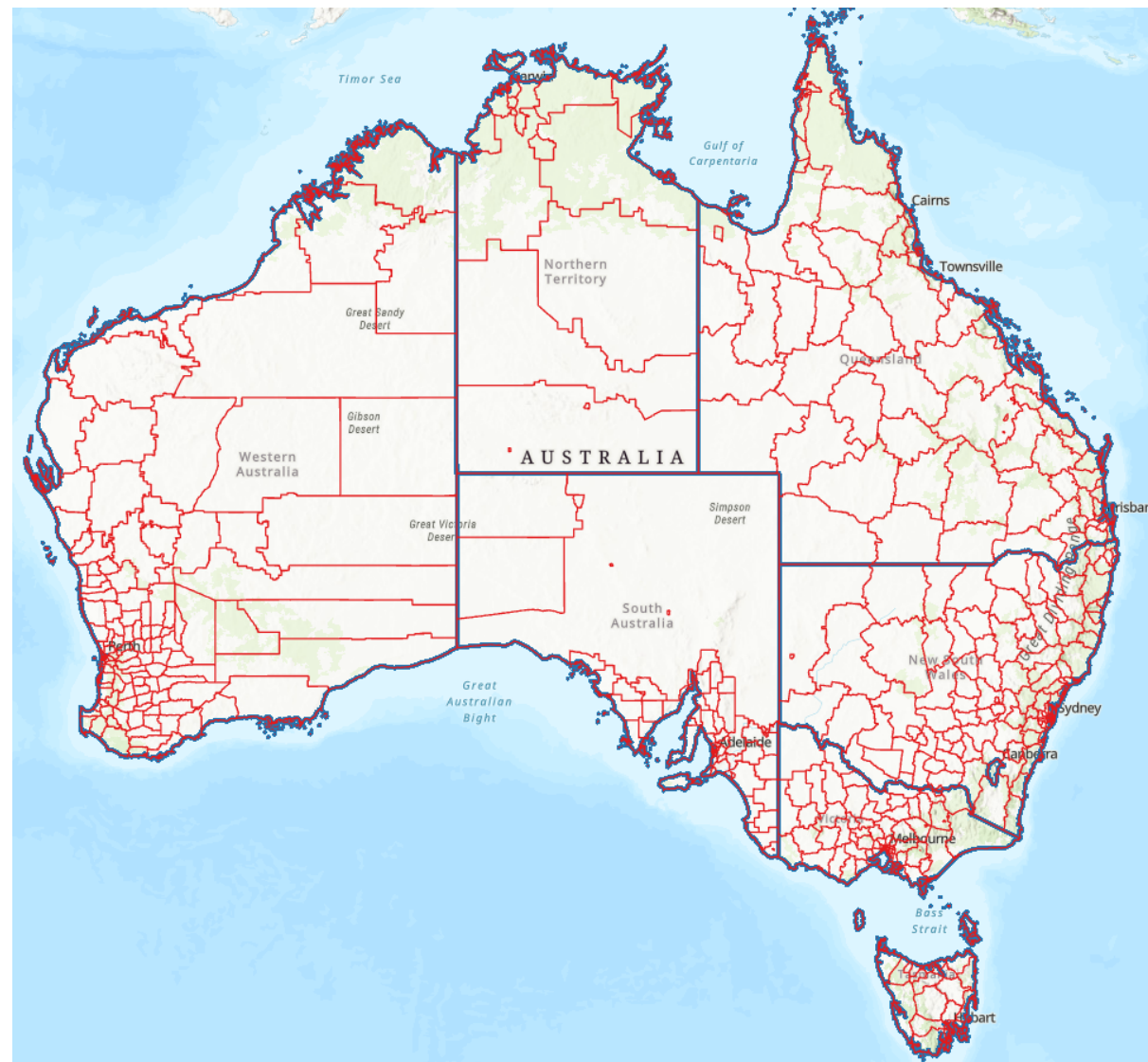
- Legislation
- Policy and guidance
- Application*
- Review*

* Local government



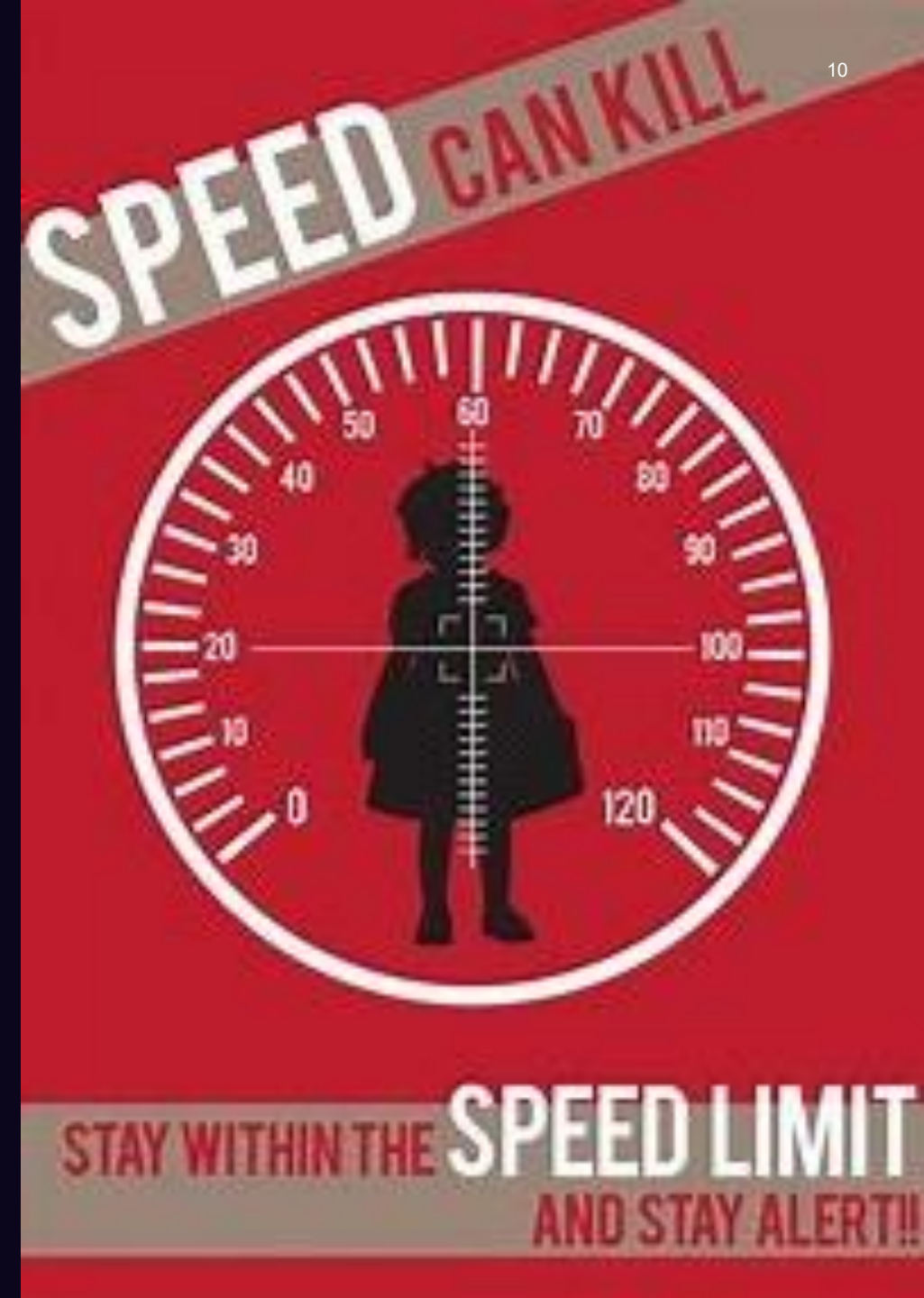
Local Government

- 537 local councils (128 in NSW)
- ~80% of road network
- Legal responsibility – no (limited) authority
- State legislation and delegations



Opportunities for Change

Top down or Ground up?



Top down

- Regulatory Impact Statement
 - Open road default
 - Unsealed road default
 - Urban default
- Network risk assessments

The Australian Government will:

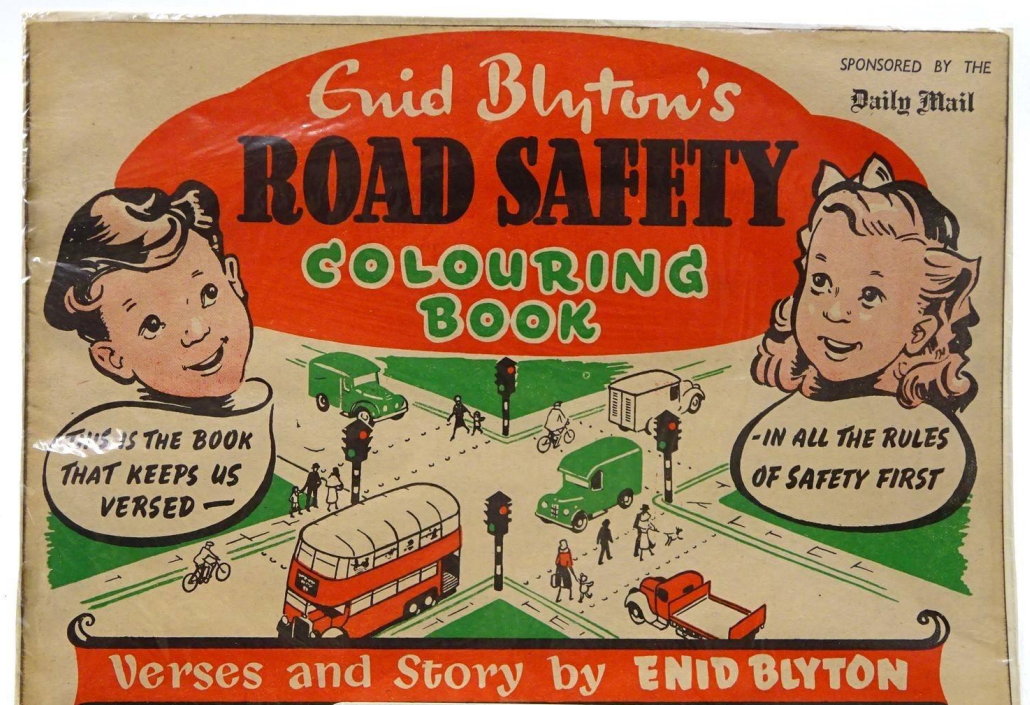
Action	By when
Co-ordinate a review of the Australian Road Rules and development of a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on reducing the open road default speed limit in consultation with state and territory governments, including police, and local government	Commence 2023
Co-ordinate the development of a RIS on reducing the default speed limit for unsealed roads in regional areas in consultation with state and territory governments, including police	Commence 2023

National Road Safety Action Plan 2023–25



Ground up

- Community
 - Local council
 - Schools
 - Chambers of Commerce
 - Local groups - 30 Please
- Movement and Place
 - Urban design
 - Planners
 - Engineers
 - Developers
- Mornington Peninsula Shire, Victoria
- Manly, Wollongong, NSW
- Shire of Augusta Margaret River + the City of Busselton, WA



Thank you



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