



# Network Design for Road Safety

## Pre and Post Disruption

20 November 2019



# What is Austroads?

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The peak organisation of Australasian road transport and traffic agencies.

Austroads members comprise **11 road jurisdictions** from **Australia and New Zealand**

Representing **National, State/Territory and Local government** interests

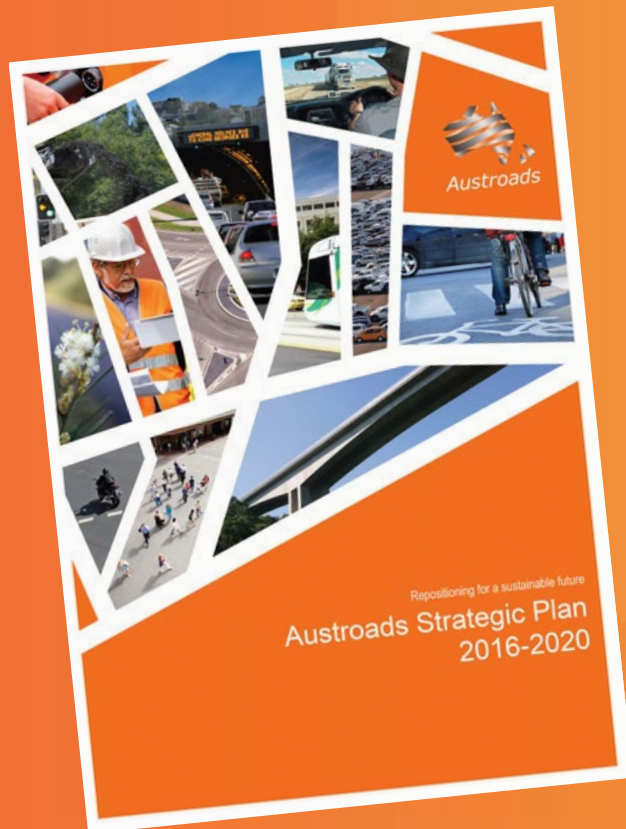
And are collectively responsible for the management of over **900,000km** of roads

Valued at about **\$250b** and being the single **largest community asset**

in Australia and New Zealand (with annual expenditure of >\$25b)

**\$165b (80% LG)**

# Austroads Strategic Plan 2016-2020



Shared Knowledge  
Collaborative Delivery  
Embedded Value  
Harmonised Practice  
for 4 Programs



# Safety Program Objectives, Program, Projects from 2016 - 2019



## Balanced Scorecard Safety Program Objectives from 2016

### Customer

#### “Crisp” Guidance for LG

Integrated Safety Practice (RSM)  
Comprehensive Safety Library

#### Promote Safety as # 1 Priority

Safety-specific Program Plan  
2-page Safety Info Sheets

### Products

### People

#### Link with Key Stakeholders

Ideas Rapidly to Guidance  
Share Safety Legal Risk Findings

#### Integrate Safety Programs

Evidence for Emerging Practice  
Safety Metrics for Austroads Program

### Practice



## Safety Program Plan

What are the...



**How will we overcome the challenges?**  
Austroads is undertaking leading research to help facilitate jurisdictions making step change improvements by:  
• mapping crash rates and facilitating engagement of authorities and industry  
• targeting research to mitigate emerging crash risks and gaps in knowledge  
• providing harmonised, concise, and simple guidance for jurisdictions and industry use.  
The Safety Program is continuing the national development of registration and licensing programs with a focus on policy and service delivery efficiencies, customer service improvement and the NEVDIS system.

### Program Development

**1. Contemporary Program Management Practice**  
Austroads utilises contemporary management practices such as risk management and systems mapping to respond to the program demands by:  
• comprehensively understanding opportunities for mitigation, research  
• engaging with government and industry to provide leading research  
• producing “crisp” guidance of harmonised practices for use by the road sector (for example through the Guide to Road Design, Guide to Road Safety and Assessing Fitness to Drive)

**2. Target Gaps for Comprehensive Road Crash Mitigation**  
Austroads research provides the necessary intelligence for jurisdictions to mitigate all crash risks by:  
• targeting research to fill gaps in knowledge with a multi-faceted response due to the variety of crash types (for example, vulnerable road user threats and safe system opportunities)  
• progressing opportunities where jurisdictions can realise the greatest benefit in road safety improvement  
• jurisdictional controlled process to inform National Road Safety Strategy priorities.

**3. Leading Research to Mitigate Emerging Crash Risks**  
Austroads delivers leading research to support road authorities through:  
• identifying and analysing the major contextual influences on safety performance and prioritising responses (such as distraction and drug driving)  
• identifying and programming research to capitalise on the change opportunities (such as network safety plans and accelerated take-up of emerging technologies)  
• leading break-through research with world-first developments (such as Motorcycle Hazard Perception Tests and performance-based road design standards)  
• seeking opportunities for systemic network-wide change to complement targeted treatments (such as low-cost high-influence treatments).

*In your satchel*

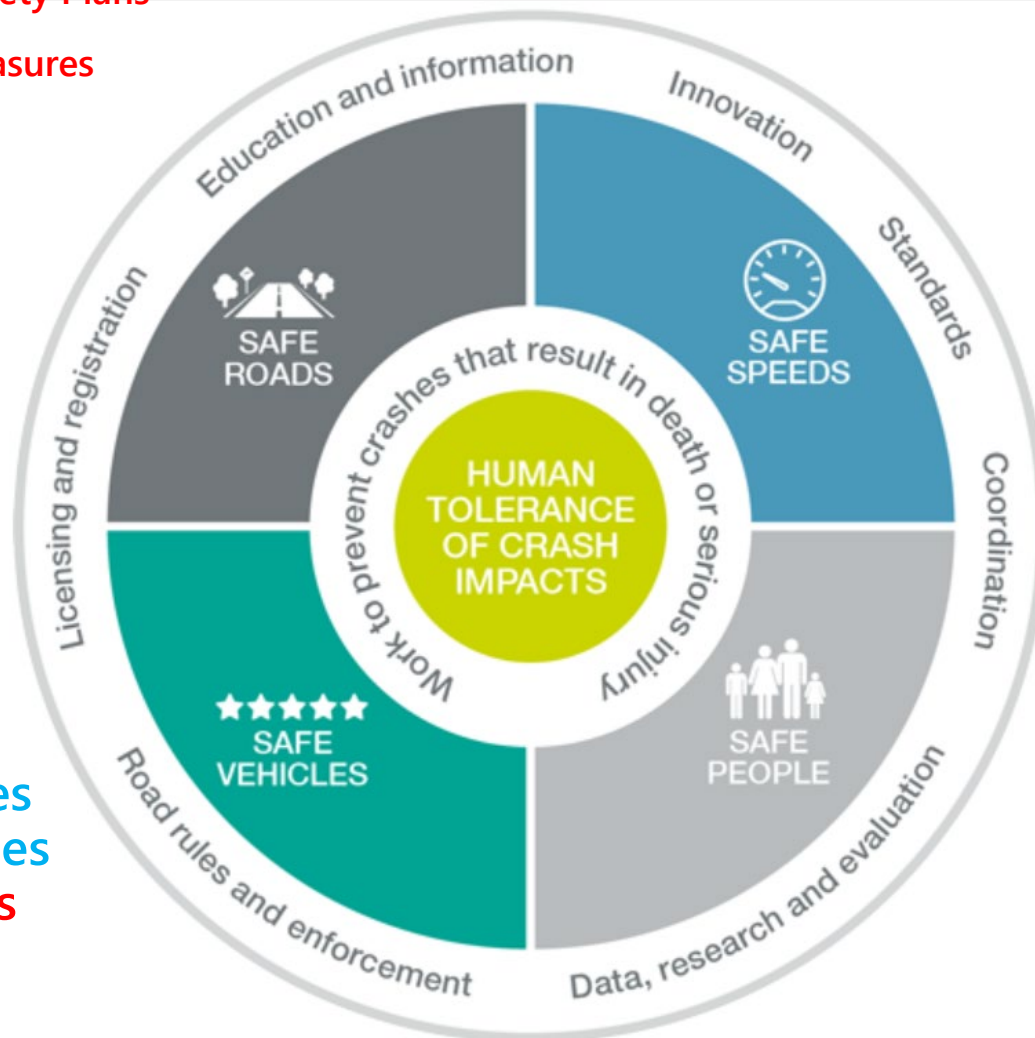
# 5 Pillars - Summary

Speed Management  
Limits for Context  
Community Engagement  
Enforcement Principles



Network-wide Design for Safety Plans  
Program Development  
Motorcycle Perc. Countermeasures  
Intersect Performance  
Audit Practice  
Low Cost High Influence  
M&P - Vulnerable Users  
Perf-based design  
Regional and Rural  
Mixed Use Arterials  
Rail Crossings  
Black Spots  
Ped and Cyclist Paths  
ROR Risk Threshold  
RS Barrier Transitions  
SS Assess Framework  
ANRAM

Vehicle Standards  
Automated Vehicles  
Vehicle Technologies  
End of Life Vehicles  
MMDs



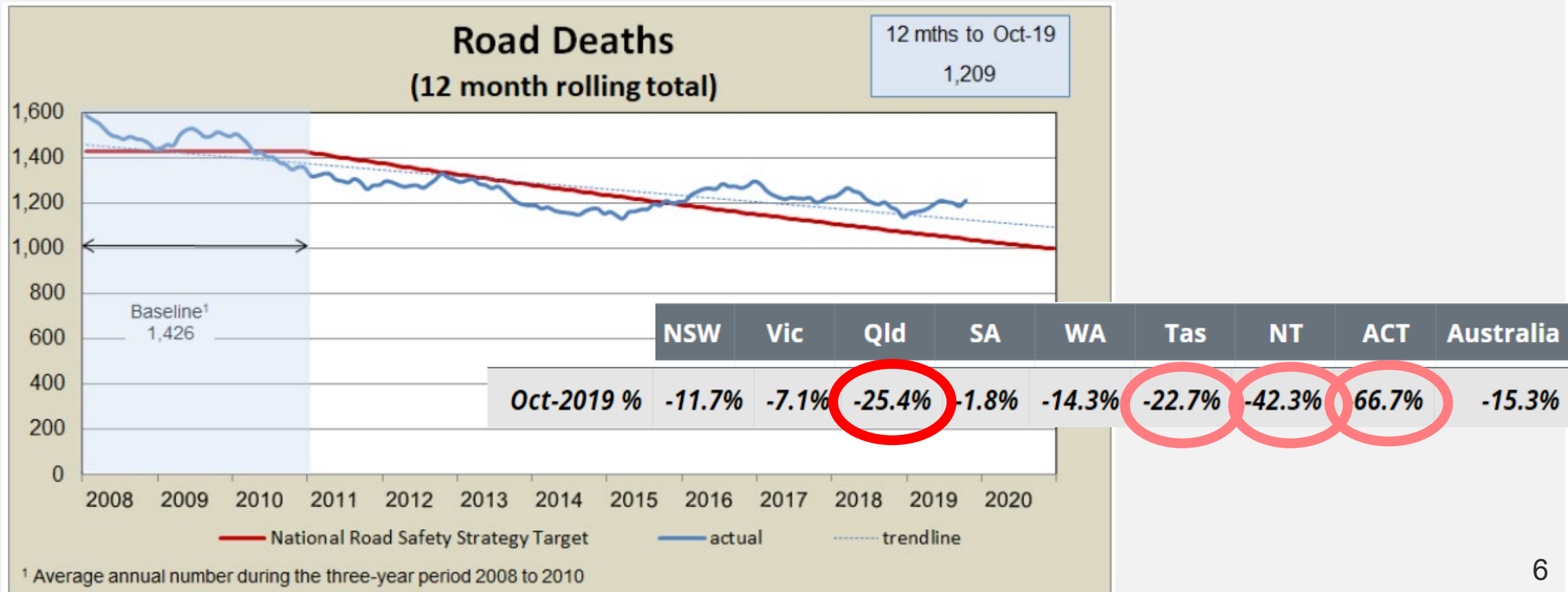
National Strategy Modelling  
Key Interventions Modelling  
System risk mapping  
National SI data  
Targets and Treatments  
Governance and collaboration  
Harmonisation Stocktake  
Local Government Guidance  
Safety Leaders Pack  
Integrating RS in Road System Man

Vehicles as a Workplace  
Graduated Licensing  
Distracted Driving  
Drug Driving  
Drink Driving  
Hazard Perception Test  
Overseas Driver Licensing  
Automated Vehicles and Licensing  
Older Road User Trends  
HV Driver Competency Framework  
DL barriers

# National Road Safety Performance



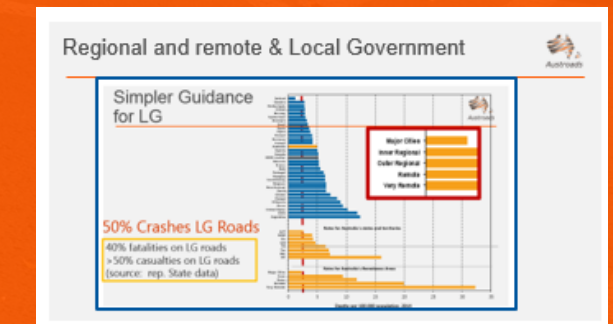
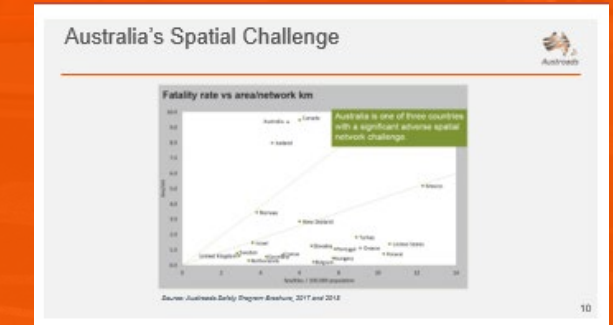
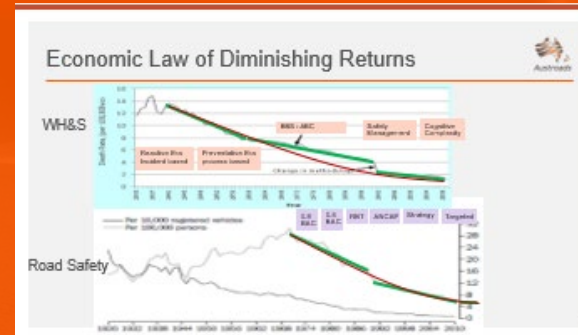
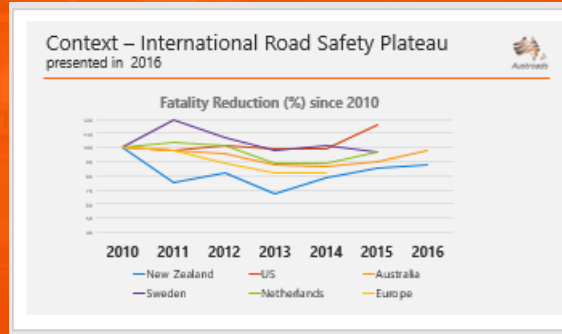
National Performance: 1200 killed and 30,000 injured on Australian Roads





# Pre-disruption Context

World-wide Road Safety Plateau  
Economic Law of Diminishing Returns  
Socio Economic Factors  
Australia's 500% Spatial Challenge  
50% crashes on LG roads (80% length)  
ACT / Urban performing best in world



# National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020

## National Road Safety Action Plan 2018-2020

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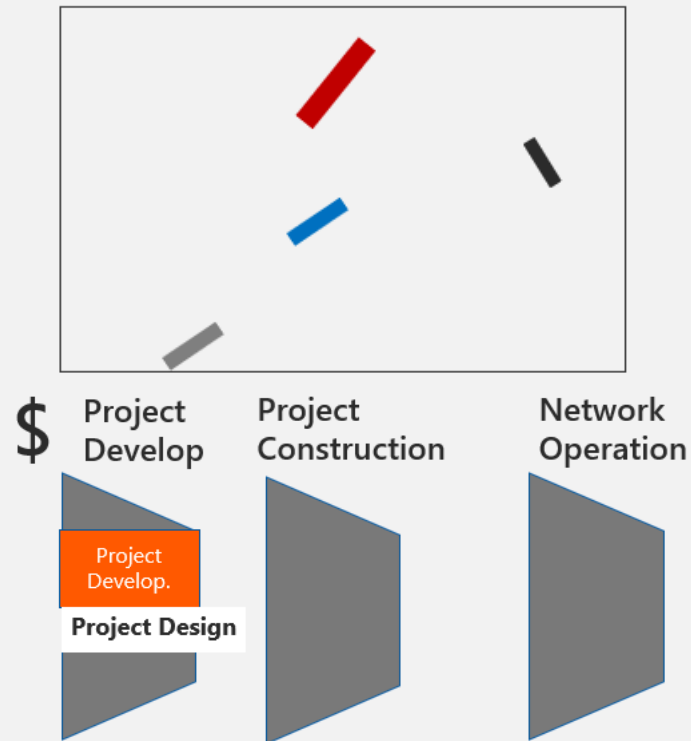
1. Review speed limits - high risk roads
2. Regional Roads initiatives
3. Urban Intersection treatments
4. Vehicle – technology / AEB
5. Drug testing
6. Speed – vulnerable road users - limits
7. Speed – point to point and cameras \*
8. Heavy Vehicle licensing
9. Vehicle – accelerate emerging technology

### A. Safety Plans for Corridors

- B. Safe System to all Programs
- C. Light vehicle standards \*
- D. National Speed Enforcement
- E. Distraction and Mobile Devices \*
- F. Drink Driving
- G. GLS drivers and riders
- H. Motorcycle Clothing
- I. National Matched Serious Injury Data
- J. Remote Road Safety
- K. Construction safety
- L. Safer cleaner Heavy Vehicle

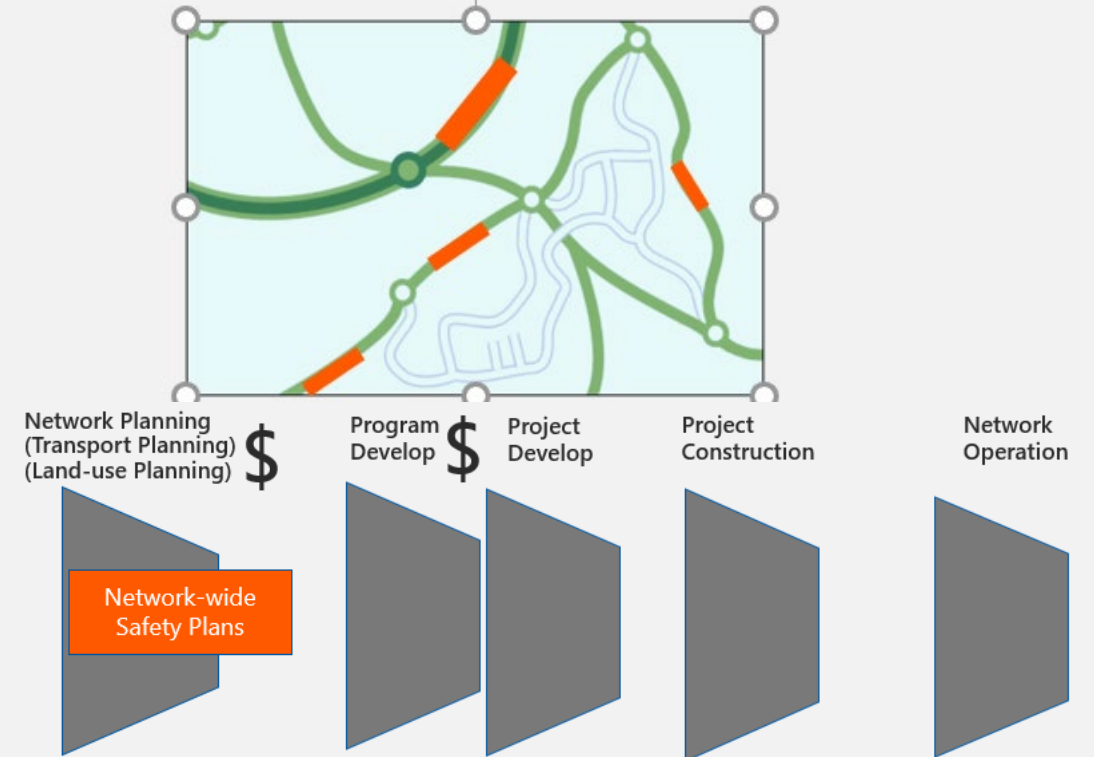


# Safest Network Outcome



## Project Plan

- Best outcome for project budget
- Inconsistent stds/unsustainable
- PM / designer role influence over time



## Network-wide Safety Plan

- Best outcome for the network
- Standards set once for function
- Consistent & sustainable

Road Stereotype 4.6  
Rural Highway Single Carriage Way  
Two Lane Two Way AADT 1000 - 4000

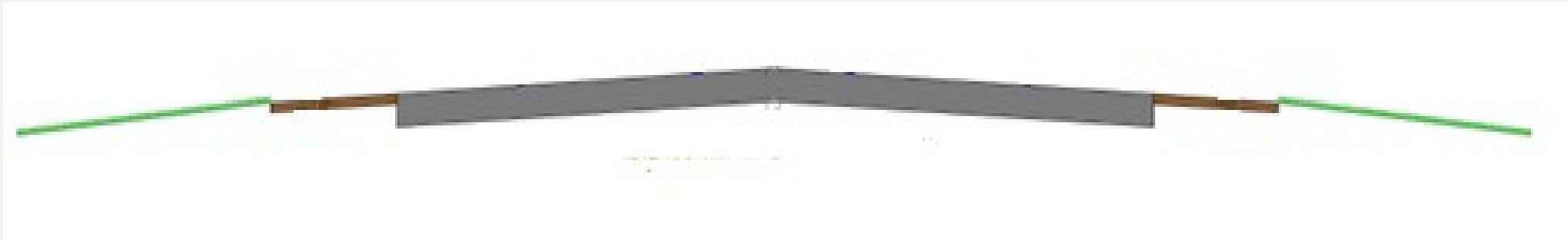


1m

3.3m

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Factor: Predicted FSI = 3.32

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Road Stereotype 4.1  
Rural Highway Single Carriage Way  
Two Lane Two Way AADT 1000 - 4000



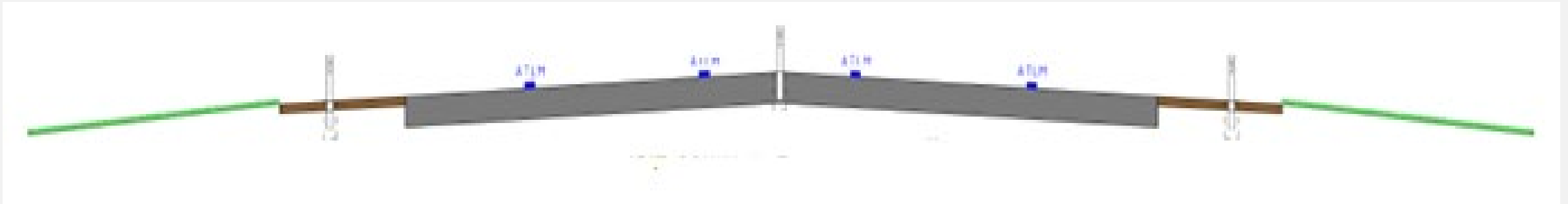
2m  
Barrier

3.5m

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Barrier

3.5m

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Barrier



Factor: Predicted FSI = 0.02





# Corridor Outcome



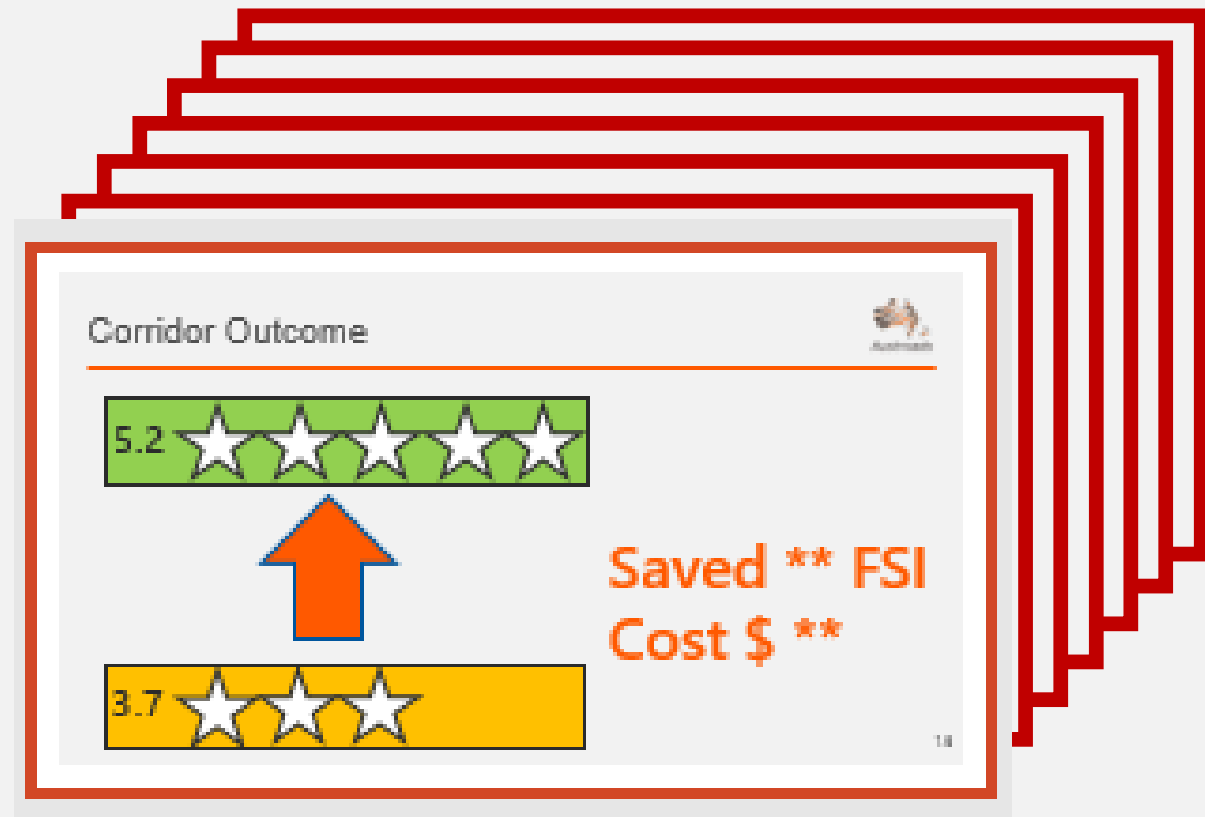
Saved \*\* FSI  
Cost \$ \*\*

# Safest Network Outcome



2-4 weeks effort

SUM (Corridor Outcomes)



# Pre-disruption Community Questions

- **Mayor / Councillor**
- **LG Engineer**

Is my LG providing the safest road network possible .....?

Where, when and what are the treatments providing our safest road network .....?



# 7 World-wide Disruptions

Why are they important?

What are they?

When will we see them?

When should we plan for them?



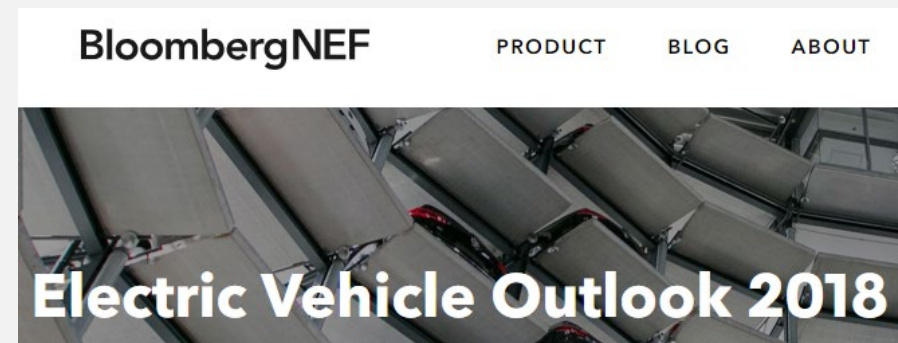
# Post Disruption Period

## Disruption of Automated Vehicles?

(progressive launching level 2 – 4 (from 2018))



# References and Acknowledgements



TESLA MOTORS





# Siloed Anecdotes – “It is not a priority”

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“The technology is much more difficult than you think”

“For example, Tesla made statements which we did not see”

“Detailed maps are required”

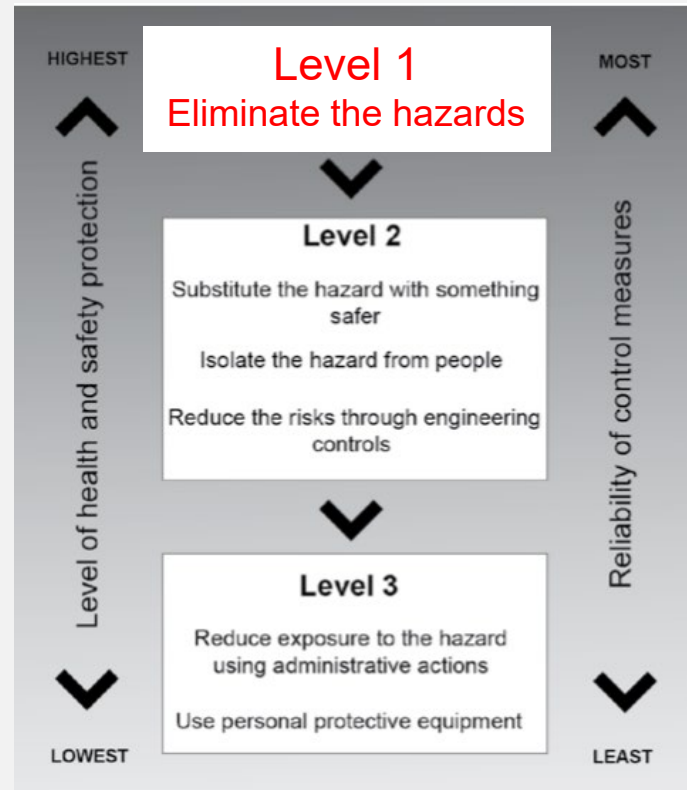
“Vehicles will be running only on part of the network”

# Safe System and Hierarchy of Controls

People make mistakes:

“Safe System recognises  
.....  
.....that **human error is a feature** of the road transport system and....  
..... that while much can be done to reduce it, it cannot be eliminated.”

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**No drivers**

Source: Guide to Road Safety Part 1, Austroads 2013

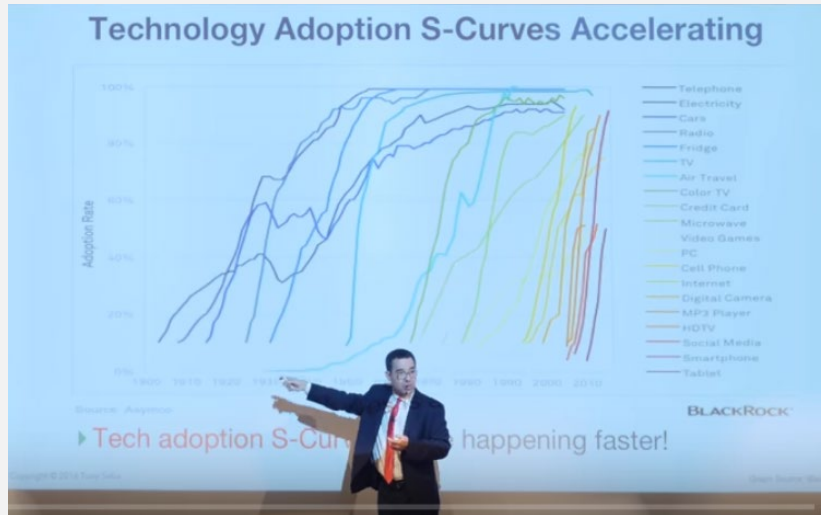
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Source: Vehicles as a Workplace, Fig C.1, Austroads 2018

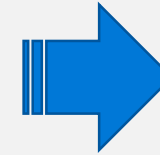
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# Tony Seba, 2017 Tech Adoption S-Curves Accelerating

“If you can dream it, you can do it”  
by Tom Fitzgerald, Disney  
(Source: Gizmodo website)



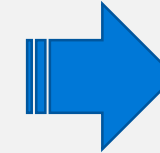
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Gould (1931)  
Dick Tracy  
Comic Book 1960



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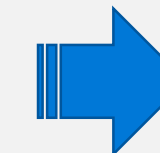
Driverless Car of the  
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“America’s Electric Light  
and Power Companies,”  
Saturday Evening Post,  
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**2018-?**



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Logan **2019**  
Produced by Marvel  
Entertainment, TSG  
Entertainment and The  
Donners' Company, and  
distributed by 20th Century  
Fox



**2018-?**



# 2019 - California DMV has issued Autonomous Vehicle Testing Permits (with a driver) to the following entities:

(Permit holders are listed by the date the permit was issued – as at 28 Jan 2019)



Volkswagen Group of America  
Mercedes Benz  
Waymo LLC  
Delphi Automotive  
Tesla Motors  
Bosch  
Nissan  
GM Cruise LLC  
BMW  
Honda  
Ford  
Zoox, Inc.  
Drive.ai, Inc.  
Faraday & Future Inc.  
Baidu USA LLC  
Valeo North America, Inc.

NIO USA, Inc.  
Telenav, Inc.  
NVIDIA Corporation  
AutoX Technologies Inc  
Subaru  
Udacity, Inc  
Navya Inc.  
Renovo.auto  
PlusAi Inc  
Nuro, Inc  
CarOne LLC  
Apple Inc.  
Pony.AI  
TuSimple  
Jingchi Corp  
SAIC Innovation Center, LLC

Almotive Inc  
Aurora Innovation  
Nullmax  
Samsung Electronics  
Continental Automotive Syst. Inc  
Voyage  
CYNGN, Inc  
Roadstar.AI  
Changan Automobile  
Lyft, Inc.  
Phantom AI  
Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.  
SF Motors Inc.  
Toyota Research Institute  
Apex.AI  
Intel Corp

Ambarella Corporation  
Gatik AI. Inc.  
DiDi Research America LLC  
TORC Robotics Inc  
Boxbot Inc  
EasyMile  
Mando America Corp.  
Xmotors.ai, Inc.  
Imagry Inc.  
Ridecell Inc.  
AAA NCNU  
ThorDrive Inc  
Helm.AI Inc  
Argo AI, LLC

# 2018 – Simulation testing and on-road testing

- Oct 2018 Waymo, the self-driving unit of Google parent Alphabet, has been granted [permission to operate fully driverless cars](#) without human drivers behind the steering wheel on public roads in California. The company is the first to receive a driverless permit in the state.
- [Feb 2019](#) Waymo is averaging about 11,000 miles between disengagements
- [July 2019 Waymo, Google's](#) former self-driving venture that is now a business under Alphabet, has been given permission by California regulators to transport passengers in its robotaxis

## The Self-Driving Car Companies Going the Distance

Number of test miles and reportable miles per disengagement in California in 2018



\*Cases where a car's software detects a failure or a driver perceived a failure, resulting in control being seized.  
Source: DMV via thelastdriverlicenseholder.com

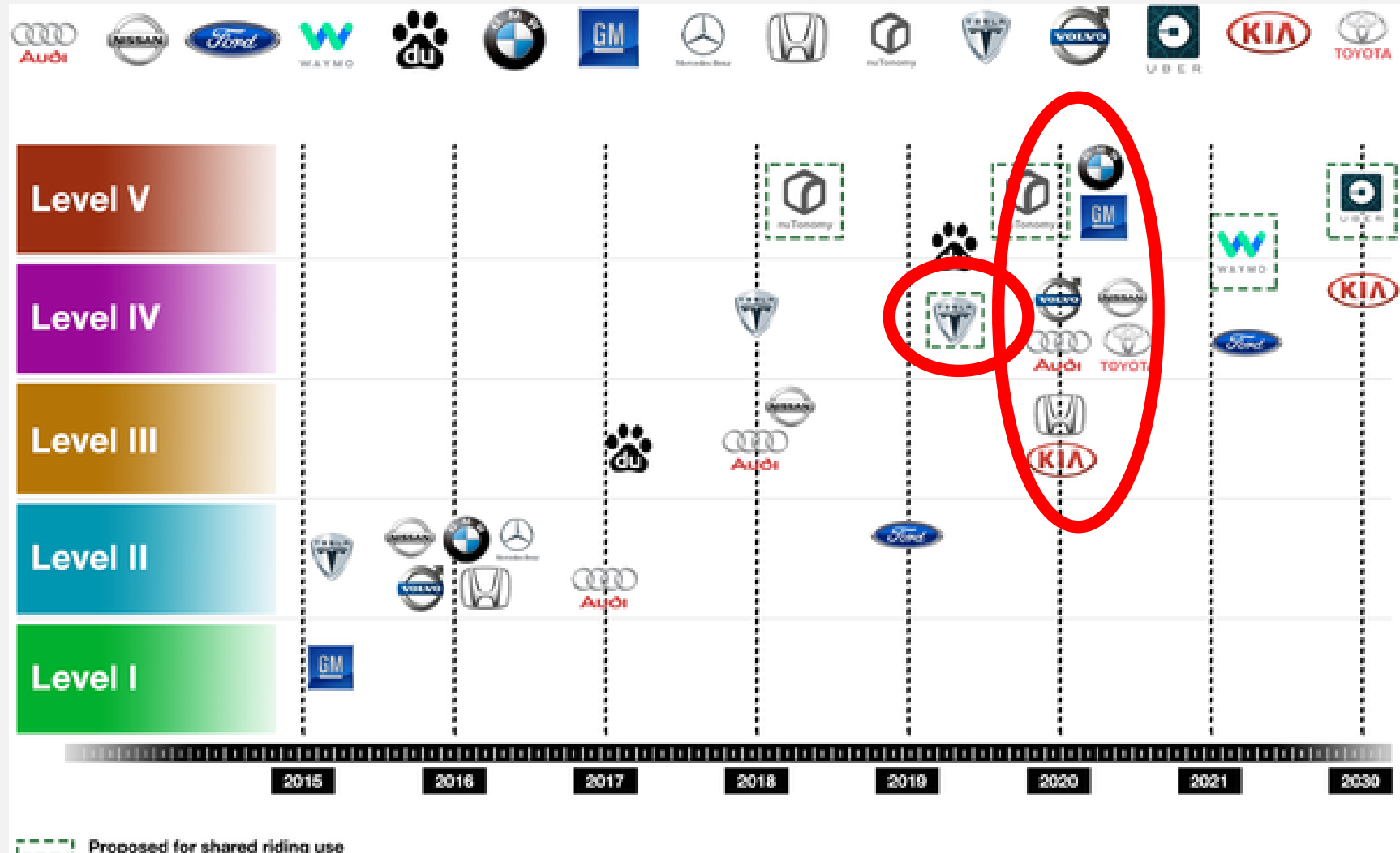
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Alphabet's [Waymo](#) autonomous driving company announced a new milestone at TechCrunch Sessions: Mobility on Wednesday: 10 billion miles driving in simulation.

# 2017 Forecast – Automation Level 4/5 in 2020

(+ 1 year due to Lidar)



Favarò FM, Nader N, Eurich SO, Tripp M, Varadaraju N (2017) Examining accident reports involving autonomous vehicles in California. PLOS ONE 12(9): e0184952.  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0184952>  
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# As at 2018, automated vehicles (L4/5 in 2021)



(+1 year due to Lidar)....

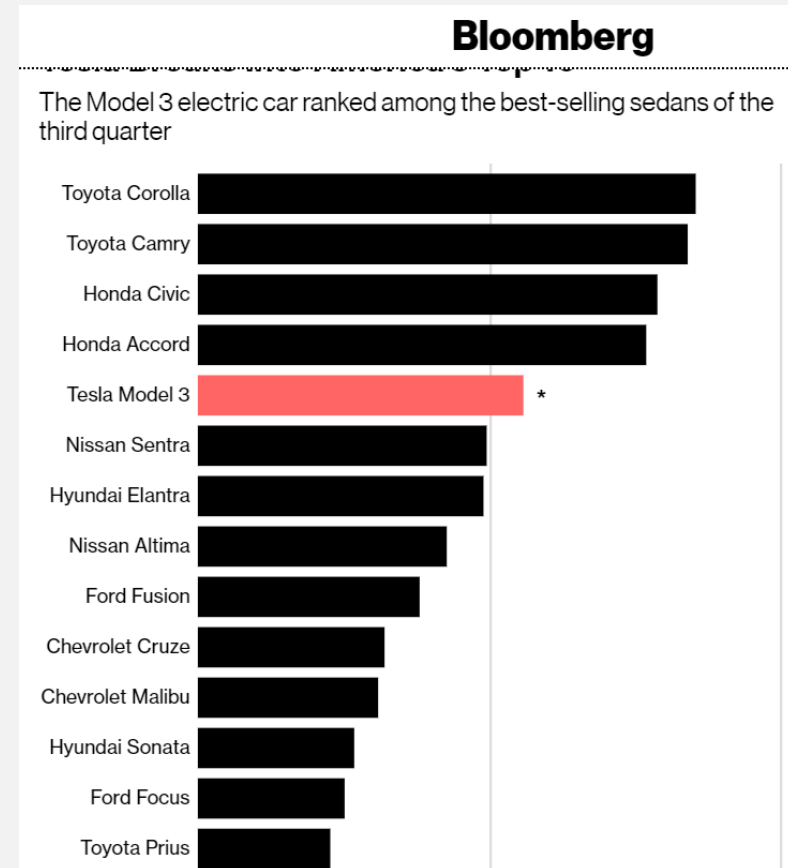
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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*Source: Bloomberg (Translation to levels by presenter)*

# 2018 - Electric Vehicles

Electric vehicles are not here yet ???

Tesla - 5<sup>th</sup> largest seller in 2018 USA



Source: Bloomberg October 3, 2018

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-10-03/tesla-s-model-3-is-becoming-one-of-america-s-best-selling-sedans>



# 2019 - Bloomberg - Electric Vehicles Disruption

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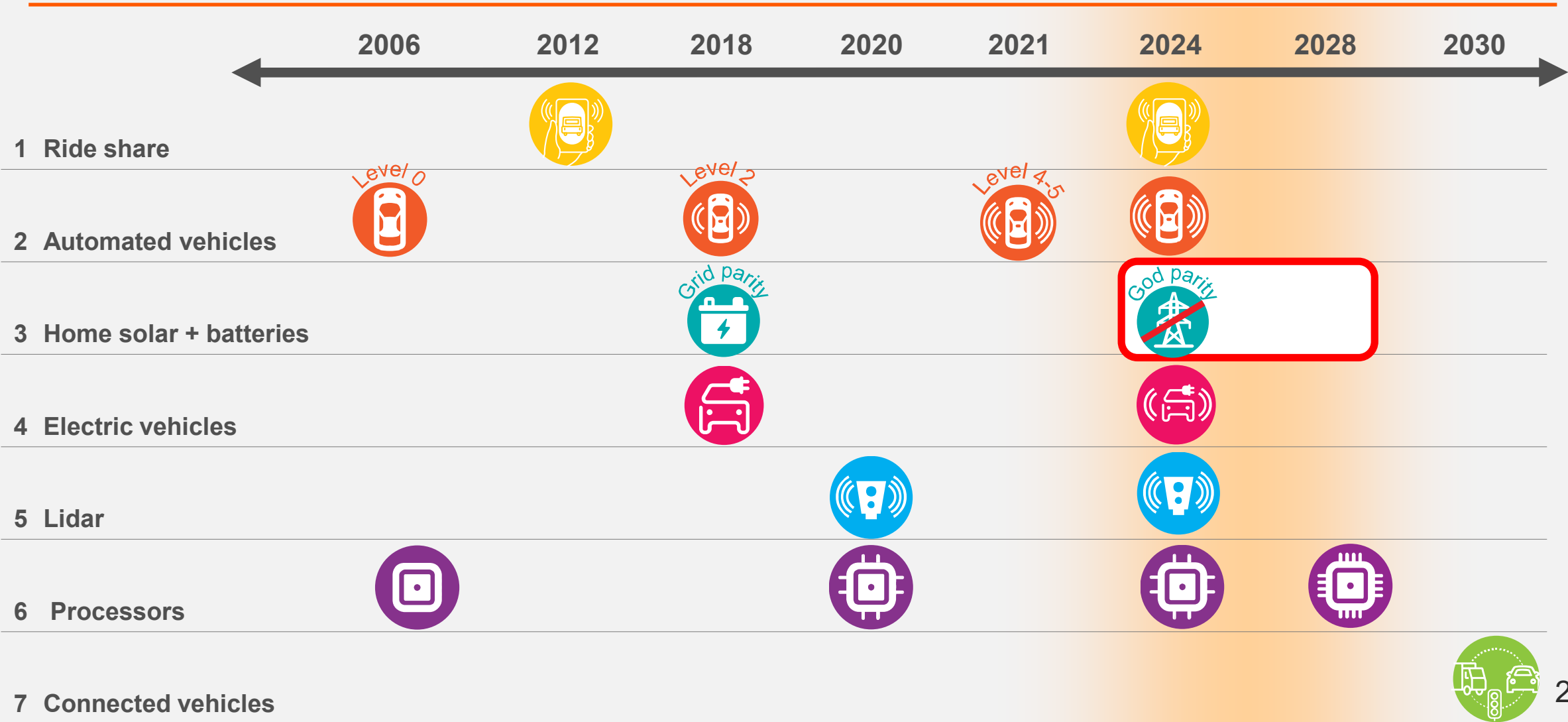


**"Our latest forecast shows sales of electric vehicles (EVs) increasing from a record 1.1 million worldwide in 2017, to 11 million in 2025 and then surging to 30 million in 2030 as they become cheaper to make than internal combustion engine (ICE) cars. China will lead this transition, with sales there accounting for almost 50% of the global EV market in 2025."**

**EV costs.** The upfront cost of EVs will become competitive on an unsubsidized basis starting in 2024. By 2029, almost all segments reach parity as battery prices continue to fall.

# “God Parity” is the rapid change influencer?

6 Multi-disruption  
Impacts  
2024-2028



# God Parity Influence 2025

## [Home Solar + EV] OR [Transmission Power + ICE]



Cost (2025)	Electric Vehicle (EV)	Internal Combustion Engine Vehicles (ICE)
Purchase	\$30,000	\$35,000
Life	1,000,000km	250,000km
Running & Maintenance (\$/100km)	\$7	\$39
Network Usage (\$/100km)	\$3	\$3
Home Power Cost / 6 years (\$)	\$450 (home solar)	\$2200 (grid)
Total Cost for 6 years (\$)	\$10,000 / 6 years	\$40,000 / 6 years

**Free Car in 6 years**  
(free charging at home)

# Breaking Through for Modern Transport

2030  
Disruption 2024-2028

## Pre-disruption 10 years

- Safest Road Network Outcome
- Network Safety Plan
- Simple Easy Method
- Registration of Vehicles
- ANCAP
- Licensing of Drivers
- Driver Enforcement
- Vehicles as a Work Place
- Speed management



## Post-disruption - Roads

- Cheaper to treat vehicles than roads
- Maximise length for autonomous vehicles
- Sign / marking consistency
- Rain / night visibility
- Sealed roads (asset and safety benefits)
- Vehicle offset from costly safety components

## Post-disruption - Vehicles

- All electric vehicles to include latest auto. tech
- Fuel Excise Replacement
- Insurance aligned to risk
- Acceleration and silent – legislation
- Safety assurance system (OEMs)
- Driver aware - AV Mode (Y/N) & Level
- Digital / data sovereignty
- Digital License Opportunities

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Chair Road Design Task Force  
Chair Registration and Licensing Task Force  
Austroads Safety Barrier Assessment Panel Subprogram  
Support Fed. Government National Strategy



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