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AUSTRALIAN ROAD SAFETY FOUNDATION COMMENDS BUDGET COMMITMENT TO SAVING LIVES

The Australian Road Safety Foundation (ARSF) has welcomed the Australian Government's focus on preventing road trauma in the Federal Budget handed down this week.

In particular, ARSF commends the investment in the new National Road Safety Action Grants Program over four years, which it believes will ensure greater education and training for all road users, while supporting critical strides in road safety innovation.

ARSF Founder and CEO Russell White said the \$43.6 million allocated for the Grant Program's initiative would empower local governments and not-for-profits to deliver tailored and targeted road safety programs.

"The issue of road safety is complex, requiring specialised expertise and consistent community outreach, so we're delighted that the Australian Government has recognized the importance of this work," Mr White said.

"This generous investment will save lives and prevent life-altering injury for thousands upon thousands of Australians. It will also reduce road trauma costs, estimated at upwards of \$30 billion each year," he said.

On behalf of all the Australians whose lives may be saved by this budgetary commitment, ARSF would like to extend a warm commendation to the Albanese Government and, in particular, Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, and Local Government Minister Catherine King and Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Senator the Hon Carol Brown for this significant commitment.

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About Australian Road Safety Foundation:

The Australian Road Safety Foundation (ARSF) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving road safety awareness, enhancing driver education and reducing the impact of road trauma. The Foundation strives to improve road safety outcomes, develop research and education programs and work to inform policymakers on methods to address road safety issues. It also provides an umbrella organisation for other road safety programs and community groups. ARSF is helping to develop a sustainable strategy for reducing the social and economic costs of road crashes, as well as providing a platform for future research and advocacy programs.