

# 2026 Road Safety Action Plan

## Batemans Bay community forum



Thank you for attending the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan community forum in Batemans Bay. There were a lot of interesting discussions during the session, which are summarised below as well as the results of the in-person polls.

We are in the process of drafting the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan, which will be available at the end of the year. We look forward to sharing it with you.

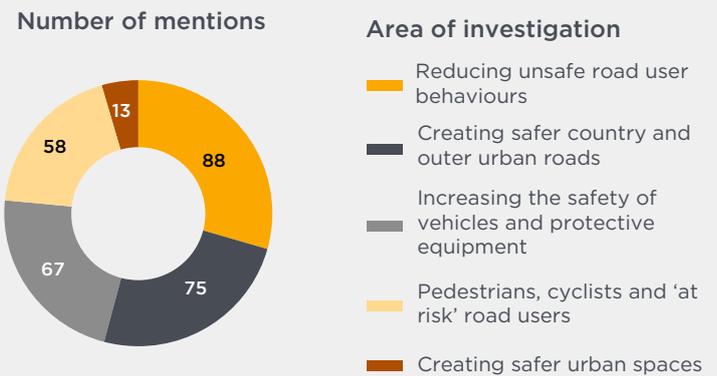
Transport for NSW is eager to continue these road safety conversations, stay up to date on campaigns at [towardszero.nsw.gov.au](https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au) or follow us on [social media](#).

Stay safe and drive responsibly – let's make sure everyone arrives home safely.

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### Participant Feedback

*What are the priority areas for road safety in the Batemans Bay community?*



**Below is a summary of the suggestions and feedback we received during the Batemans Bay consultation.**

#### 1. Creating safer urban spaces

- Improve directional signage to reduce confusion, distraction and last second lane changes.
- Increase the size and improve the placement of signage so they provide early notice of direction.

#### 2. Creating safer country and outer urban roads

- Strong support of increased public transport options in country areas to reduce the number of vehicles on roads.
- Heavy vehicles should be directed to use by-passes to take pressure off country towns, especially tourist destinations and travel routes.
- Increase the number of pedestrian overpasses in country areas that experience high volume of tourism, to reduce collisions between pedestrians and traffic.

### 3. Increasing the safety of vehicles and protective equipment

- Technological advancements in vehicles were considered very useful and there was a strong support for an increase in their use.
- It was suggested that there should be better regulation of ANCAP and the star rating system.
- There was feedback that if a car does not achieve a minimum safety standard, it should not be allowed to be sold in NSW and/or registered on our roads.
- Suggestion for more cars that have automated high beams to be turned down when faced with oncoming traffic.

### 4. Pedestrians, cyclists and 'at risk' road users

- Pedestrians should be better educated about the dangers of mobile phone distraction - including pedestrian responsibility to keep themselves safe by not being distracted by phones.
- There are inconsistent signal sounds (bell vs 'quacking' horn) on bicycles. One signal type should be adhered to.
- All bicycle riders over the age of 16 should require a licence, and their bicycles should be registered with a clear registration number.
- The government should have programs for younger people to buy safer cars (like 'homebuyers' for cars).

### 5. Reducing unsafe road user behaviours

- Education about truck blind spots for cyclists and motorcycles should be included in licence testing.
- More education on the impacts that fatigue has on driving.
- Reduction in insurance premiums for drivers who have no penalties needs to be considered as another incentive with premiums reducing each year where no penalties are recorded.
- There was support for limiting the number of passengers that new drivers can transport.

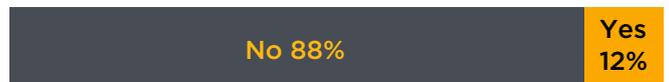


“Why is it not mandatory that a motorcyclist must wear protective clothing, but mandated that you wear a seatbelt in a better protected vehicle?”

#### Poll Results

This information was collected from forum attendees who participated in the polls at the Batemans Bay community forum held in April 2021.

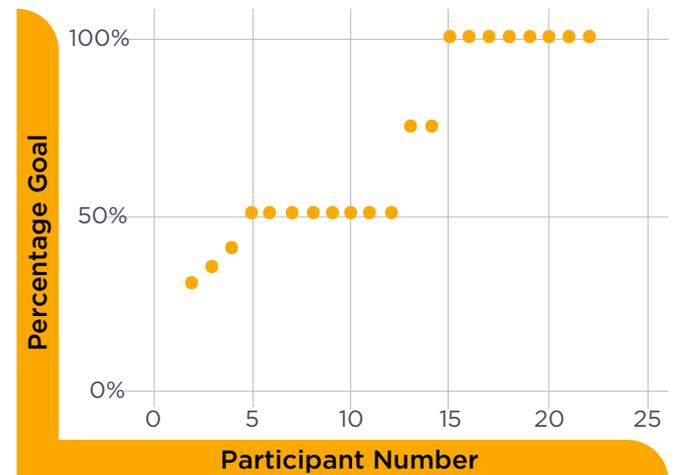
*Were the trends and statistics presented a surprise to you?*



*Do you think we are on the right path to meet our targets of zero deaths and serious injuries on NSW roads by 2056?*



*What should our goal for 2030 be?*



“We need more signage when you need to increase speed and when you need to reduce speed.”