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# Action plan to reduce the Territory's road fatalities

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Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics Nicole Manison yesterday attended a national Road Safety Minister's Forum in Perth.

Ms Manison said the number one priority of the Ministerial Forum is to improve road safety and reduce our national road toll.

"On a per capita basis the Northern Territory has the highest rate of road deaths in Australia, and as at September 2016 our fatality rate was approximately three times higher than the national average."

"Over the past ten years, 43 per cent of fatalities and 20 per cent of serious injuries are alcohol related. For our Indigenous population, alcohol is a factor in 57 per cent of fatalities.

"41 per cent of fatalities and 11 per cent of serious injuries involved people not wearing seatbelts, with more than half of all Indigenous road fatalities involving people not wearing seatbelts.

"25 per cent of fatalities and 16 per cent of serious injuries can be attributed to speed, and this rate has recently been increasing.

"Approximately 70 per cent of fatalities in the Territory occur on rural and remote roads, and this represents a key challenge for infrastructure investment in a developing road network.

"Here in the Territory, we still grapple with issues such as wearing seatbelts and drink driving, more so than other states and Territories," Ms Manison said.

An NT Road Safety Strategic Action Plan is being developed in consultation with key stakeholders and the community.

Today, the Minister will attend a Transport and Infrastructure Council meeting to discuss a range of transport infrastructure matters.

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