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Roadmarkers –

Saving lives by defining the road

But who protects their lives?

#EveryLifeMatters

Drive So Others Survive

#DriveSOS

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Who is SARAH?

Not-for-profit association focusing on national road safety

"Our motto is "Drive So Others Survive!"

"Vision Zero" is our foundation



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Our commitment

- Ensuring the safety of all road users, but our specific focus remains the vulnerable road user.
- Communicate and engage with every level of society to ensure people's safety is paramount



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Three Questions to think about

1. How do Line Markers help save lives?
2. Are the lives of Line Markers adequately protected?
3. Can we work together to make a difference?



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Line Markers change a Surface into a Roadway

Laying pavement doesn't make a road safe...

But defining the road surface and separating lanes is what saves lives and prevents serious injuries!

Dean Crutchfield



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Are the lives of Line Markers adequately protected?

The safe system requires that:

‘No loss of life is acceptable on our roads and highways’

This means drivers must:

- Give them space – so near misses are prevented
- Slow down when passing



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Are the lives of Line Markers adequately protected?

Two questions for you to think about

- Is the Safe System is well understood by politicians and leaders?
- Is there real engagement about road safety by the Community?



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Is your health and safety at risk on our roads?

- SARA-H is concerned that the lives of the vulnerable ARE NOT adequately protected.
- Line Markers report near misses and are at substantial risk.
- Serious injury and death on our roads is seen as collateral damage;
- Laws within jurisdictions differ and there is no best practice national legislation



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What's the risk for those who are vulnerable?





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How important is a life?

Sarah was driving down the Hume Freeway, on her way to Wagga Wagga to start a degree in photography at Charles Sturt University.

Her car broke down but the way the freeway that was built prevented her from getting it completely out of a 110 kilometre per hour lane.





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Increasing risk for those who are vulnerable





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“Unfortunately this part of the highway has a small breakdown lane, so the broken down vehicle was half into this lane...”

Insp Mark Wall, NSWPF, Media Conference, 15 Feb 2012

“Ms Frazer ...died when a passing truck struck them alongside the Hume Highway yesterday. Her car... could fit only partially in the road’s shoulder.”

Sydney Morning Herald, 16 Feb 2012



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Your life and those who are vulnerable must be protected?

We need work together to :

- Identify best practice road safety strategies;
- Incorporate best practice into a National Road Safety Plan;
- On-board politicians and thought leaders as to why model laws should be implemented;
- Create road safety champions so those politicians and thought leaders will advocate with the wider community;



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Safe System Example

“Slow down move over” laws

- **Why do we currently have different laws in the ACT, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia?**
- **Why do we regard the lives of one sector as more valuable than another?**
- **Do policy makers know the difference between good practice versus best practice?**
- **How do we communicate the importance of slowing down and giving space to ALL those who are vulnerable?**

Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week #NRSW

Parliament House with Old Parliament House in the foreground
lit in yellow for Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week





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Deputy Prime Minister
Michael McCormack

A great supporter of
SARAH's road safety initiatives
and especially Yellow Ribbon
National Road Safety Week



*What will you do for
2019 Yellow Ribbon
National Road Safety Week?*





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Everyone has a right to get home safe...

No Exceptions!

Let's all Commit to "Drive So Others Survive!"



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