### ITTEC 12



Heavy Vehicle Regulatory Outlook

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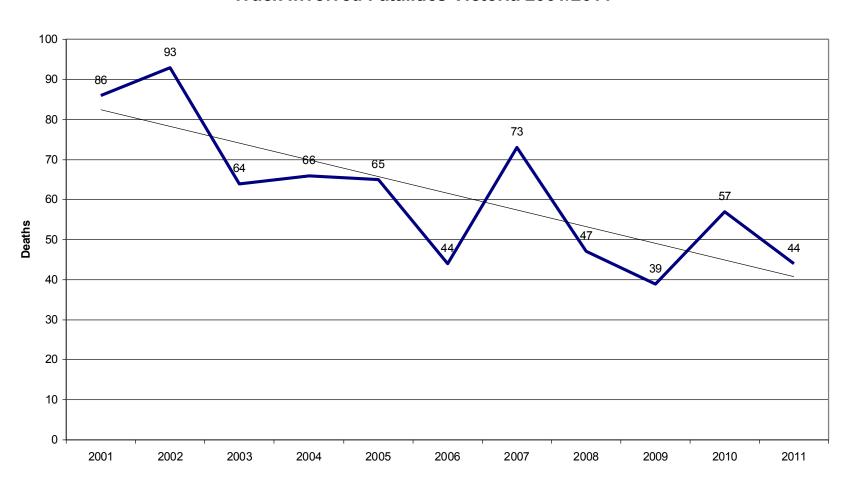


## How are we doing with the road Toll?

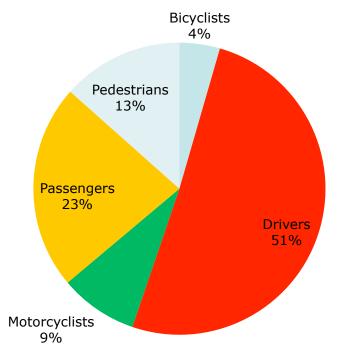
### Targeting identified problems

- 287 fatalities down 1
- Victoria 5.1 deaths per 100,000 head of population
- UK
   3.1 deaths per 100,000 head of population
- Sweden 2.8 deaths per 100,000 head of population
- Costs Victorians \$3 Bill Annually
- Most crash type down except:
  - Pedestrian
    - Victoria pedestrian fatalities were up from 39 to 49
  - Side Impacts
    - 40 Total an increase of 12
    - 27 Rural intersections an increase of 13

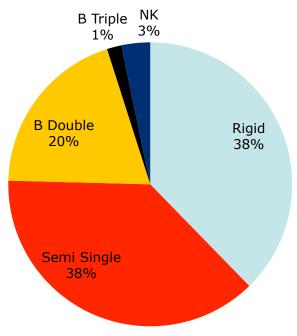
#### **Truck Involved Fatalities Victoria 2001/2011**



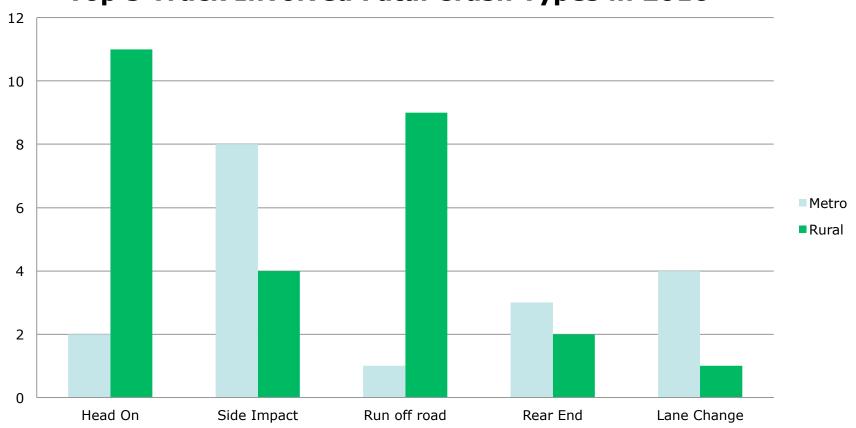
## Truck Involved Deaths by Road User Type 2005/2010



#### **Type of Truck in Fatal Crashes 2010**

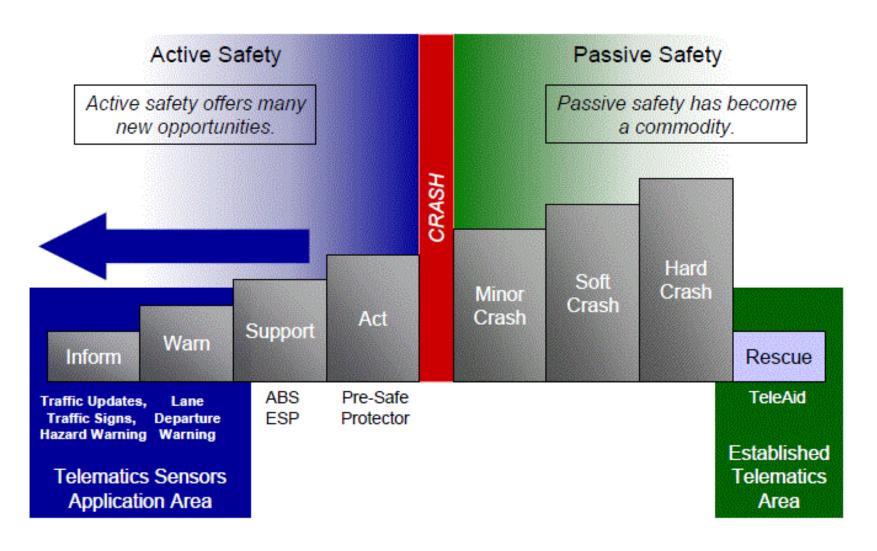






# Future is largely based on Intelligent Technologies?

### **Active & Passive Safety**



# Vehicle to Infrastructure (V2I)

# Infrastructure to Vehicle (I2V)

### V2V and V2I

(Claims - Dedicated Short Range Coms. = 80 % drop in Crashes ??)

#### Intersection assistance

Intelligent vehicles show great potential in assisting drivers in hazardous situations, such as intersections where the view is compromised in one or both directions. If the vehicles are able to communicate, the vehicle approaching the intersection will be aware of another approaching vehicle and alert the driver.





#### Lane-passing assistance

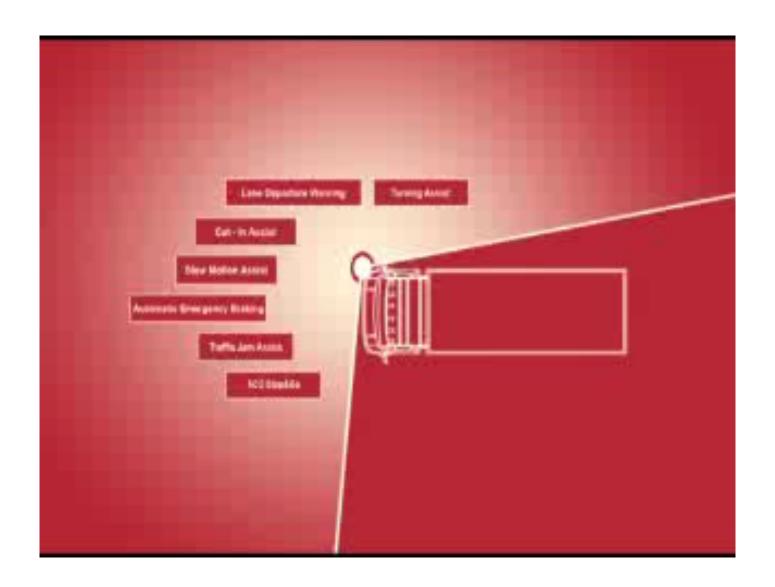


Intelligent vehicles also could help in lane-passing situations where the view is compromised. If vehicles approaching from opposite directions were communicating with each other, they could warn the drivers of oncoming vehicles, potentially avoiding head-on crashes.





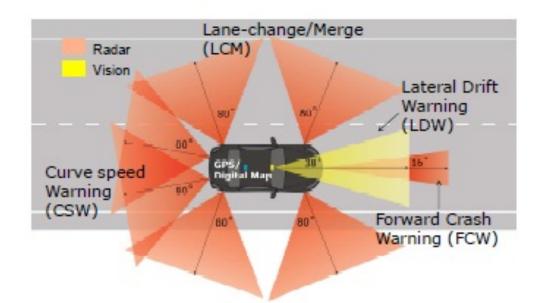
### **Object Detection**



### Sensor Technology

 Warning/detection systems could be effective in reducing police reported crashes by between 6% and 29%.

- If all light vehicles were equipped.
  - Reduction of between 162,000 and
  - 788,000 each year in the United States.



### **Detecting Driver Impairment**

- Stability Control Steering Sensor can detect to detect aberrant driving behaviour (20 min. response.)
  - Illness
  - Fatigue
  - Alcohol drugs
- Alcohol sensor DDASS USDOT (1 second response)
  - Tissue spectrometry
  - Distant spectrometry



### Heavy vehicles

- German Insurers Accident Research found that:
  - Reverse assist cameras 1.2% reduction in crashes
  - Lane departure warning systems 1.8% reduction in crashes
  - Turning assistance systems 4.4% (pedestrians and cyclists) reduction in crashes
  - Autonomous emergency braking systems 11.9% reduction in crashes
  - Blind spot monitors 7.9% reduction in crashes

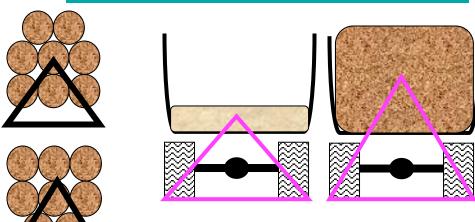
### Heavy Vehicles

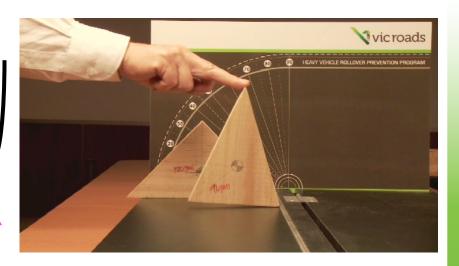
- ESC could reduce truck crashes by 5.6%.
- If All trucks with a gross vehicle mass of 5 tonnes or more around if fitted with just:
  - Autonomous emergency braking, turning assistance, lane departure warning and a reverse assist camera systems
  - 20% of truck crashes might be avoided
- If all trucks with a gross vehicle mass of 5 tonnes or more if fitted with just:
  - Blind spot monitor and ESC systems
  - 15% of truck crashes might be avoided

# Rollover It Happens Really Easily!

### Download the Rollover Program at

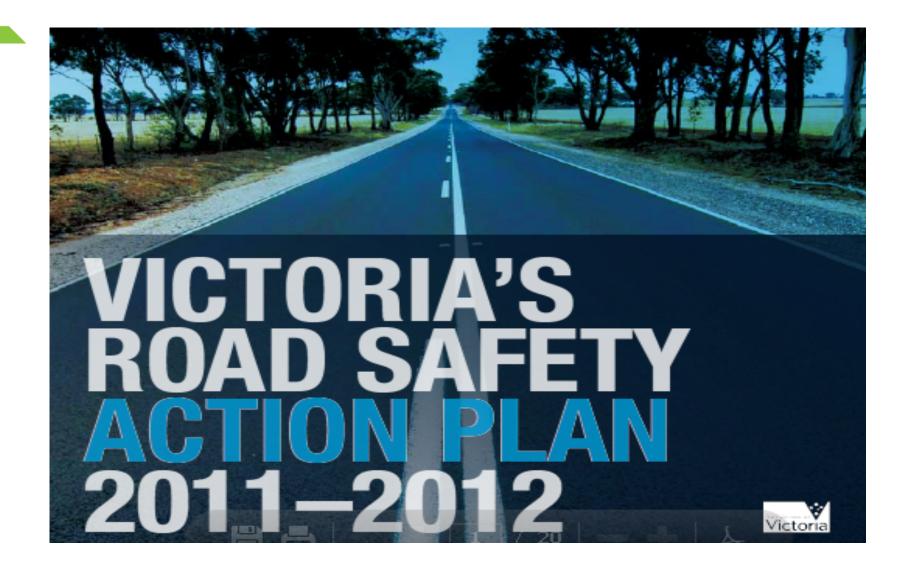
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### Victorias Road Safety Action plan Heavy Vehicles (Vehicles over 4.5 Tonnes)

- Heavy vehicle make up 3% registered vehicles
- 20% of fatal Crashes
- Number of heavy vehicles likely to increase by 60% by 2025

### Actions

- Trial fatigue alert technology with heavy vehicle drivers
- Promote the uptake of heavy vehicle safety features, including advanced braking technology, and seatbelt reminder systems
- Introduce a standard for workplace drug and alcohol testing in the freight industry
- Continue to enforce fatigue management laws

## Maintenance easy to say Hard To Do!

#### **MAINTENANCE**

 There is not much point in having safety systems on heavy vehicles if they are not working

### History - Defects Playing a Part in Crashes

**Table 17:** Analysis of 1998 AIS Investigations

| Defects from<br>1998 AIS | Caused | Contributed | May have contributed | Caused, contributed or may have contributed |  |  |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|----------------------|---|--|--|
| Heavy vehicles           | 4.9%   | 1.2%        | 3.7%                 | 9.9%  |  |  |
| Light vehicles           | 0.8%   | 0.4%        | 2.6%                 | 3.9%  |  |  |
| All Vehicles             | 1.4%   | 0.5%        | 2.8%                 | 4.7%  |  |  |

## History - What Causes Defect Related Crashes

Percentage Distribution of detected defects in crashed Heavy and Light vehicles

| Category | Body | Brakes | Engine | Lamps | Steering | Tyres | Suspension | Other | Total |
|----------|------|--------|--------|-------|----------|-------|------------|-------|-------|
| Heavy    | 4.3  | 38.3   | 2.1    | 4.3   | 6.4      | 12.8  | 12.8       | 19.1  | 100.0 |
| Light    | 9.1  | 20.2   |        |       |          |       |            | 15.2  |       |
|          | 7.5  | 26.0   | 2.7    | 2.7   | 3.4      | 30.8  | 10.3       | 16.4  | 100.0 |

## Operation Hazard 1,2,3

- Three operations were conducted in 2011
  - Operation Hazard I, II and III
- Operations were led by VicRoads and included support from
  - Victoria Police
  - Worksafe
  - Sheriff's Office

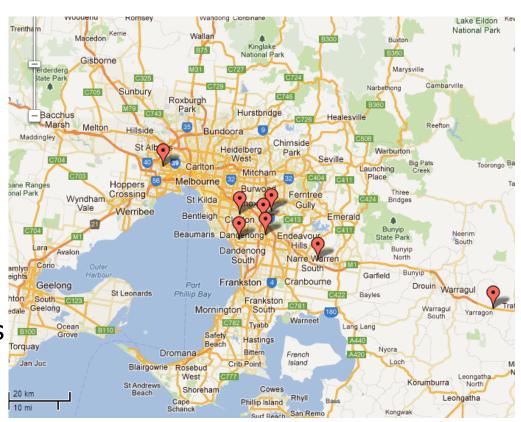


 Focus: Heavy Vehicle Compliance issues including roadworthiness, registration and driver licensing, OH&S and fine collection

### Operation Hazard 1,2,3

 Total of 860 vehicles were checked in the three operations

- Locations
  - Yarragon
  - Sunshine
  - Braeside
  - Rowville
  - Dandenong
  - Eastlink
  - Lilydale
  - Dandenong Bypass
  - Officer
  - Clayton



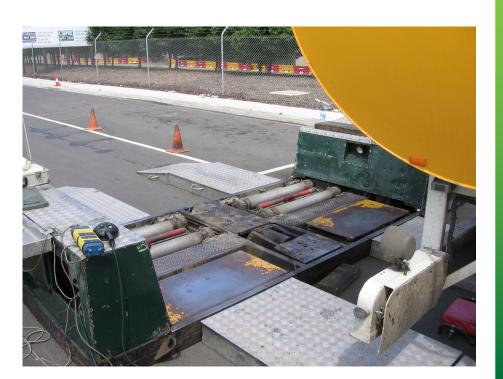
- Inspection Method
  - Heavy Vehicles directed into inspection bay
  - "Walk Around" Inspection Conducted
  - Vehicle tested using Roller Brake Tester
  - Some vehicle were pulled over for roadside inspections



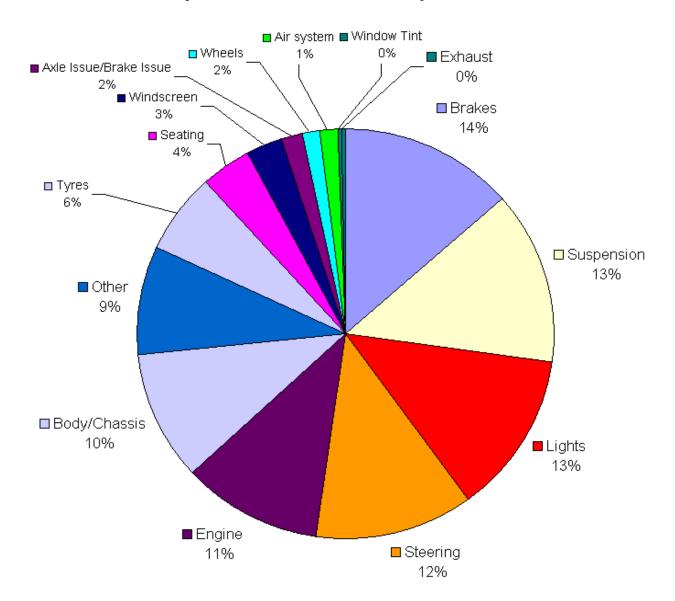
- Findings:
  - 85% of vehicles checked had defects recorded
    - 77% of vehicles checked had major defects recorded
    - 8% of vehicles checked had minor defects recorded

15% of vehicles checked did not have any defects

- Findings
  - Major Defects predominantly consisted of
    - Braking Defects
    - Suspension Defects
    - Steering Defects
    - Lighting Defects



#### **Operation Hazard Three Major Defects**



### **Thanks ITTEC 12**