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THINKER'S REPORT TO HELP REDUCE SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S ROAD TOLL

The final report of Adelaide Thinker in Residence Professor Fred Wegman, *Driving down the road toll by building a Safe System*, has been released.

Minister for Road Safety Jennifer Rankine has welcomed the release of the report, which provides a comprehensive list of recommendations to guide road safety policy in South Australia.

Professor Wegman is one of the world's most respected road safety experts, and his home country, the Netherlands, is one of the world leaders in road safety.

“Professor Wegman is at the forefront of ‘Safe System’ developments – this approach acknowledges that people make mistakes and poor choices on our roads, but that no death or serious injury is acceptable or inevitable,” Ms Rankine said

“Professor Wegman acknowledges that South Australia has made good progress over the past few decades through improvements to roads, vehicle safety and efforts to improve road user behaviour.

“This Government is committed to cutting the road toll. To date, 53 people have died on the State's roads compared to 65 at the same time last year.

“We are continuing to invest in road safety infrastructure. The State Government has just approved funding for a further \$30.2 million on four major road safety infrastructure programs.”

The funding is made up of the \$9.3 million State Black Spot Program, a \$7.9 million Shoulder Sealing Program, \$8.5 million Rural Road Safety Program and \$4.5 million for the Responsive Road Safety Program.

Professor Wegman has already made a significant contribution to the development of Towards Zero Together – South Australia's Road Safety 2020, which was released in October last year.

His latest report includes recommendations for consideration in relation to enforcement, road safety technology, heavy vehicles, alcohol and drugs and safe roads.

Driving down the road toll by building a Safe System can be viewed online at www.thinkers.sa.gov.au.