



Statement of Support - Australian Trauma Registry

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) fully supports the findings of the 2018 National Road Safety Strategy (NRSS) Inquiry which identifies the Australian Trauma Registry as a platform for benchmarking trauma care and delivering service improvements to minimise preventable deaths and disability. The NRSS Report, which addresses the fifth pillar of the WHO Global Plan for Road Safety (post-crash care), recommends government allocation of resources for continued funding of the Australian Trauma Registry.

A robust trauma registry and accurate data are an integral base on which to evaluate trauma care outcomes, improve the quality of trauma care and ensure adequate funding.

Measuring serious injury in Australia's trauma centres:

- Reduces trauma
- Improves national productivity
- Reduces health expenditure by lowering the burden of road crashes

RACS fully endorses public policy support and funding for all appropriate jurisdictions to collect a minimum trauma dataset for submission to the Australian Trauma Registry.

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