KILLERS ON OUR ROADS: DRINK DRIVING, SPEED, FATIGUE

The risk of being killed on a road is three times greater in the Territory than anywhere else in Australia.

That’s one of the findings of the most comprehensive report into NT road deaths which has been launched by Chief Minister Clare Martin and Minister Delia Lawrie in Darwin.

The NT Road Safety Taskforce Report, Safer Road Use: A Territory Imperative shows drink driving, and speed and fatigue are the biggest killers

“One person is killed every week on Territory roads – 9 people are seriously injured – a safer Territory is in all our hands,” Ms Martin said.

“The three big killers are drink-driving, speed and fatigue – these risks are made worse by people who don’t wear seatbelts and run red lights.

“The report has been released so Territorians can fully understand how bad the road safety situation is on our roads – this will be supported by a $600,000 advertising campaign.

“The Road Safety Taskforce – which consists of eight long-term Territorians – has made 21 recommendations which Cabinet will consider over the next week or so.

“The NT Report analysed all the road deaths and serious injuries in the NT since 2000 and extensive evidence from around the world.

“Slowing drivers down does work – since a 110 km/h speed limit was introduced to the Lasseter Highway in 2001 – the number of road deaths has been cut by 38%.

“Road safety is a problem for all Territorians – non-Indigenous Territorians are twice as likely to be killed in a road crash as their Southern counterparts.

“Indigenous Territorians have an even higher risk of dying on our roads – visitors to the Territory account for 1 in 5 deaths.”

Recommendations are attached or you can get more information on our website www.saferroaduse.nt.gov.au -

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