Dear users of the HealthInfoNet Indigenous road safety web resource

The Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet has provided since 2005-2006 a section on road safety for people working, studying or interested in preventing road trauma among Indigenous people. The section has provided quality information and resources, and has enabled members to share knowledge and experiences via a yarning place. In recent years, it has also disseminated relevant news.

The development and maintenance of the Indigenous road safety section was made possible with funds provided by a consortium of road safety authorities comprising the Roads and Transport Authority of New South Wales, Queensland Transport, the Western Australian Office of Road Safety, the South Australian Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, the Northern Territory Department of Planning and Infrastructure, VicRoads, the ACT Department of Territory and Municipal Services and the Australian Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

This funding has now ceased, but, in view of the ongoing importance of road trauma among Indigenous people, we will continue at this stage to maintain the section. Without separate funding, however, we will not be able to provide the level of work that was possible in the past. This means we will not be able to update our Summary of road safety among Indigenous peoples, there will be a reduction in new content, and the road safety news section, yarning place and Twitter account will be discontinued from 30 June 2013. As a result, there will be decline over time in the gecko rating of the section.

I really regret that we will no longer to be able to provide such comprehensive information and knowledge to people working on Indigenous road safety promotion.

At this time, I thank the many people who assisted us in developing, updating and maintaining the resource, with special thanks to members of the Steering Committee made up of representatives of the consortium of road safety authorities, and the Drivers’ Group, comprising experts in various aspects of the promotion of Indigenous road safety.

Kind regards

Neil Thomson, Director
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