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NEW AUSTRROADS GUIDES

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ABSTRACT

This presentation is a New Zealand perspective on the new transport industry Guides from the Austroads Consortium that were launched on the 1st July 2009.

The Guides each comprise several parts that addressing different aspects of process and procedure associated with Transportation project delivery. Their target audience ranges from strategists and policy makers, through project managers to design practitioners.

Each guide provides key information, in a succinct form, for the topic area or process that it covers. A topic is only discussed in detail in one location in the ten guides and then referenced in other locations. These guides replace previous Austroads guide-type publications but in an updated form. Publications that have been replaced have been withdrawn from sale. Where appropriate earlier material has been built on and as such only the latest information is to be available.

All road agencies in Australia and New Zealand have agreed to adopt the Austroads guides as their primary reference. This is a valuable step forward to creating a common approach - based on world's best practise principles, documented in the guides. All road agencies are currently transitioning to the guides and the presentation will outline the NZ Transport Agency's positioning of the Guides and plans for their promulgation.