



Working with what we have

Resilience for the Future

Whakamahinga ki ngā mea kei a tātou:
He manawaroa mō ngā rā anamata
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Fatality-Free Futures: The Safe System Solutions Making a Real Difference

With the theme “*Working with what we have – resilience for the future*,” this presentation explores how we can make meaningful road safety improvements by getting the most out of the network we already have.

It will highlight the value of cost-effective, evidence-based upgrades that deliver real safety benefits and broader network coverage within tight budgets. By applying proven interventions more widely—such as targeted safety treatments and smarter network management—we can strengthen the resilience of our transport system and move closer to a future with zero fatal and serious injuries.

The presentation touches on the realities of pursuing this goal in practice: how we balance ambition with pragmatism, and how professionals can uphold ethical principles when safety priorities meet political or institutional pressures. Drawing on experience and practical examples, it will make the case for working smarter with existing assets, using limited resources efficiently, and maintaining professional integrity in decision-making. Ultimately, this session is about building safer roads not just through innovation or funding, but through better choices, stronger ethics, and a commitment to make the best use of what we already have.