

**NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*\* NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*\***  
**NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*\* NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*\***



**10 April 2008**

### **ARRB contributes to international speed control manual**

Australian research company, ARRB Group, made a major contribution to a new international good practice guide on Speed management, a road safety manual for decision-makers and practitioners. The Guide was recently released by the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP).

ARRB led inputs to the manual from a number of different research agencies, contracted to GRSP.

The manual consists of 'how to' modules, assessment, design and planning techniques as well as how to implement a program to address traffic speed issues.

One area highlighted in managing speed is the application of 'expert' speed setting tools developed by ARRB to assist practitioners to undertake speed zoning assessments. The key objective of the computer based tools, generically known as XLIMITS, is to ensure that speed limit policies and practices are consistently applied across the road network.

The 'expert' systems consider a range of factors such as the safety and operational performance of a road or the road network, the condition of a road and its geometry, and the road's environment. ARRB has developed such systems for all Australian states, New Zealand and the United States.

ARRB Managing Director, Gerard Waldron, said 'We are very proud to have been involved in such an important initiative. The development of this best practice manual will provide a valuable worldwide resource that can be used by organisations to reduce the trauma caused by road crashes through more effective management of speed.'

The manual, jointly produced by leading members of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration, which includes the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, the FIA Foundation and GRSP will be circulated to hundreds of countries worldwide. It is also available to download from the [GRSP website](#) or [click here](#).

Contact:

**Paul Hillier** National Discipline Leader, Road Safety & Traffic, ARRB Group Ltd

Ph: +61 2 9282 4400 Fax: +61 2 9280 4430 [paul.hillier@arrb.com.au](mailto:paul.hillier@arrb.com.au)

**Lori Mooren** Principal Consultant, Fleet and Road Safety, ARRB Group Ltd

Ph: +61 2 9282 4408 Fax: +61 2 9280 4430 [lori.mooren@arrb.com.au](mailto:lori.mooren@arrb.com.au)

[www.arrb.com.au](http://www.arrb.com.au)