

Reflecting on Roadmarking in New Zealand

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While delineation may form a small part of road authorities maintenance and investment budgets it is a component that has a major impact on road users in terms of safety and road functionality. Move to harmonise requirements between Austroads members and recognition of the benefits achieved through wider and brighter markings has led to a new M7 road marking materials specification and approved products list that introduces higher standards for dry and wet retroreflectivity than previously required on New Zealand State Highways. This paper discusses the process involved in the development of the specification and the issues involved in its implementation.