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## 2022 Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week

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This year’s Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week campaign and theme is particularly poignant as it is the 10th anniversary of the death of Sarah Frazer who was killed in an avoidable crash on the Hume Highway south of Sydney in 2012. The annual initiative of Safer Australian Roads and Highways, also known as SARAH Group, was established by her father, Peter, in her honour.

SARAH Group was created to ensure that something positive emerges from Sarah’s death. One of the Group’s aims is to reduce the death and injury toll on our roads through a change in driver behaviour.

The statistics tell us we have a long way to go. The number of Australians killed each year, on average, for the last 10 years is 1,200. More than 400,000 have been seriously injured in the last decade alone. We simply must do more to reduce this toll and prevent the pain inflicted on families. It is incumbent on all of us who use the road to conduct ourselves in a considerate and responsible way to ensure the safety of those around us.

I want to commend all involved in 2022 National Road Safety Week for highlighting the issue of road safety and for promoting ways to help reduce the incidence of road trauma. In thanking SARAH Group for its continued advocacy, I also want to congratulate Peter Frazer OAM on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia earlier this year for service to the advancement of road safety, both nationally and internationally.

In this 10th year since Sarah’s tragic death, I encourage all road users to honour the work of SARAH Group and pledge to drive responsibly, because ‘everyone has a right to get home safe, every day – no exceptions’.

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