

Good practice guidance on the assessment & management of air pollution from road transport [Dec 2018 update]

(CASANZ Transport SIG initiative)

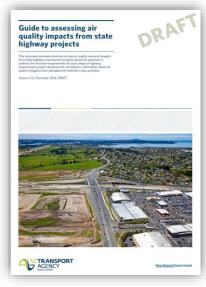
Existing guidance

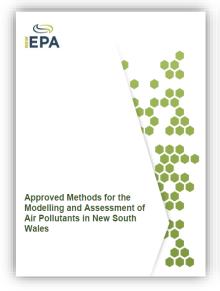


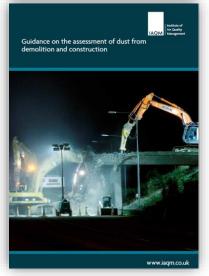


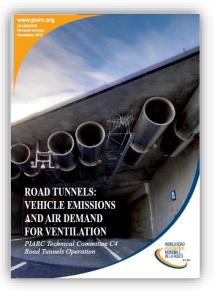


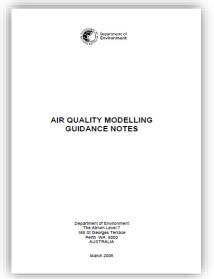












Need for new guidance



- Issues with existing documents
 - Varying age and level of detail
 - Lack of consistency/standardisation
 - Some do not address road traffic at all
- Some consequences
 - Mismatches between studies (e.g. policy, assessment, appraisal)
 - Inadequate level of rigour may be applied given the environmental risk
 - No common benchmark for regulators to review the suitability of assessments
- CASANZ well suited to guidance (e.g. IAQM, EPUK in the UK)
- Could encourage the development of other CASANZ guidance

Proposed content



Workpackage 1: Governance

Workpackage 2: Guidance framework

Workpackage 3: Guidance methods

Workpackage 4: Background air quality

Workpackage 5: Emission modelling

Workpackage 6: Met/dispersion modelling

Workpackage 7: Construction assessment

Workpackage 8: Air monitoring

Workpackage 9: Mitigation

Workpackage 10: Reporting

Progress to date



- TSIG drafted initial proposal
- Support of CASANZ Executive
- TSIG workshop at 2017 CASANZ conference feedback incorporated into proposal
- Presented to Australian and NZ Road Agency Environment
 Managers group and Austroads to gauge interest (positive)

Comments received



- Strong support for harmonisation:
 - National approach cost-effective (fewer state-based codes to maintain)
 - Harmonisation of EFs, input data, air quality criteria, etc.
 - Interest in harmonised GHG assessment for transport/infrastructure, with potential links to Carbongauge
- Should allow for state-based deviations where necessary
- Tiered approach (e.g. L1 no AQIA; L2 AQIA; L3 AQIA + HIA)
- Living document with supporting background documents
- Work in existing guidance (don't reinvent the wheel)
- Should reflect end user perspective (not all are AQ specialists)

Comments received



- Austroads: increasing focus on sustainability and environment issues - proposal fits in well with this
- Funding: consider in-kind support from the industry and international organisation representatives
- On-going project management support from CASANZ essential during development of guidance

Next steps



- Seek funding and in-kind support for the project (in progress)
- Confirm financial viability of the project > go/no-go decision
 - Aiming for February 2019
- Leverage off links with Austroads and PIARC
- Establish Steering Group and Evaluation Panel
- Selection of service provider(s)
- Development of guidance

Progress with funding commitments



New Zealand

NZTA

Australia

VIC: VicRoads

NSW: Roads and Maritime Services

QLD: Transport and Main Roads

WA: Main Roads

TAS: Department of State Growth

SA: Department of Transport, Planning and Infrastructure

Commitment to date

Original target = \$200,000

Current commitment = \$135,000 (current and next FY)

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