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## Media release

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### **Energy Resources of Australia wins major prize at Australian Road Safety Awards**

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ERA's efforts to protect its people, contractors, their families and other road users through practical initiatives to promote safer driving has been recognised by a peak national road safety body.

ERA was this week awarded the Australian Road Safety Foundation's Founder's Award for Outstanding Achievement at the Australian Road Safety Awards, presented by Caltex, in Sydney on Wednesday night.

ERA was named the overall winner chosen from more than 50 finalists across categories recognising innovation, programmes and results-driven initiatives of companies, Local, State and Territory government departments and community organisations from around the nation.

Australian Road Safety Foundation Founder Russell White said ERA's dedication to strengthening road safety standards and driver conduct among its workforce, and cascading to their families, friends and in the business' operating region, exemplified what can be achieved by companies and businesses of all sizes across Australia to strongly enhance road safety awareness and practices and help prevent road incidents.

ERA was also named the winner of the Corporate Fleet category of the awards for its efforts in fostering a culture of driver and vehicle safety and vigilance

ERA Chief Executive Rob Atkinson said helping to ensure all of our people's safety when driving the 260km commute between Darwin and ERA's Ranger mine near Jabiru is a business priority.

"This commute represents the biggest risk of ERA's employees and contractors coming to harm in the course of their work, and we must do everything in our power to ensure everyone goes home safely," Rob said.

"ERA has a strong focus on safety leadership, practical initiatives and robust policies to ensure that safety on the roads is communicated and enforced.

"The consequences of a moment of inattention on the roads can be utterly devastating, and we want to reinforce the importance of safe driving through every means possible."

Key elements of ERA's road safety vigilance strategy include;

- Stringent safety standards in all vehicles used for company business and ensuring that only compliant vehicles comprise the fleet.



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- Mandatory pre start vehicle checks before each use to detect potential mechanical defects.
- Enforcing a mandatory rest break at the half way point of the 260km commute between Ranger mine and Darwin.
- No driving on the Arnhem highway on company business during hours of darkness.
- No mobile phone use while driving, including no hands free use.
- A maximum speed limit of 110 kmph for all vehicles travelling on ERA business on the Arnhem highway when 130kmph applies as the legal limit.
- Notification of a team member when embarking on a trip and alerting that team member of safe arrival.
- Public safety interaction events on the Arnhem highway to promote strategies to combat fatigue and dehydration, sharing the road safely with heavy vehicles and reinforcing other positive driver behaviours.
- Strong links with transporters, suppliers, contractors and the community to help promote road safety in the region.
- The production and public distribution of a road safety DVD specific to the Stuart and Arnhem highways, available on our website [www.energyres.com.au](http://www.energyres.com.au)
- Utilisation of driver simulators, workshops, talks by road safety authorities and electronic communications to further convey road safety practices to the workforce.

ERA would like to also congratulate the Northern Territory Government on last night being commended as a Finalist in the State and Territory Government division of the Australian Road Safety Awards.

### **About Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA)**

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA) is one of the nation's largest uranium producers and Australia's longest continually operating uranium mine.

ERA has an excellent track record of reliably supplying customers. Uranium has been mined at Ranger for three decades. Ranger mine is one of only three mines in the world to produce in excess of 100,000 tonnes of uranium oxide.

ERA's Ranger mine is located eight kilometres east of Jabiru and 260 kilometres east of Darwin, located in Australia's Northern Territory.

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