# Recent developments in data collection in Australia







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#### Who is Austroads?





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#### Harmonization



A Common Data Output Specification for Texture, Cracking, Strength and Skid Resistance

#### Hardest task:







# 'I'd like to buy the world a coke'

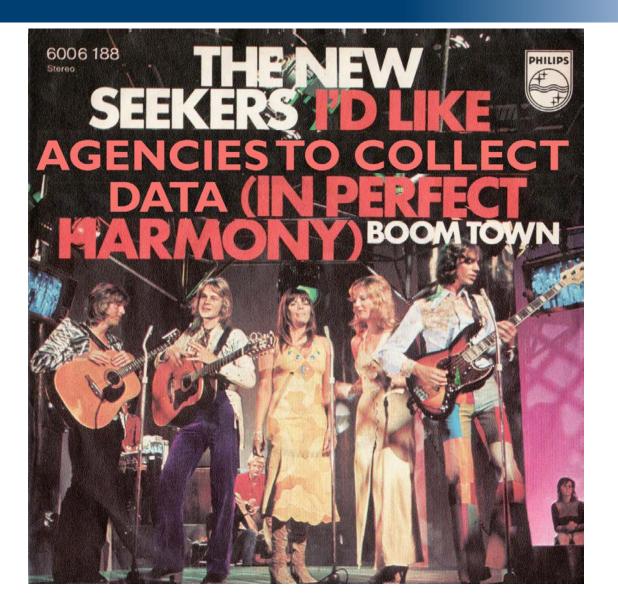








#### I'd like to teach .....





# Harmonisation





#### Australian for "harmonisation"







# Harmonisation is great......

# as long as you do it our way!!!





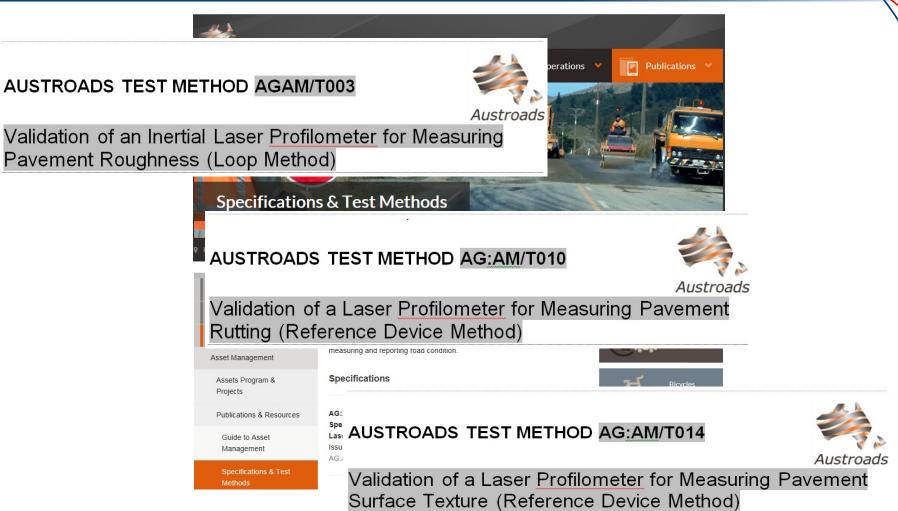






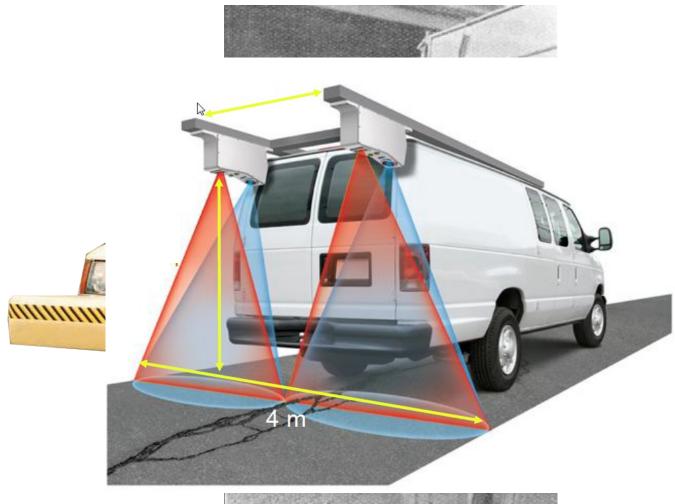


#### Austroads test methods





# Advances in equipment







# 3D roughness measurement





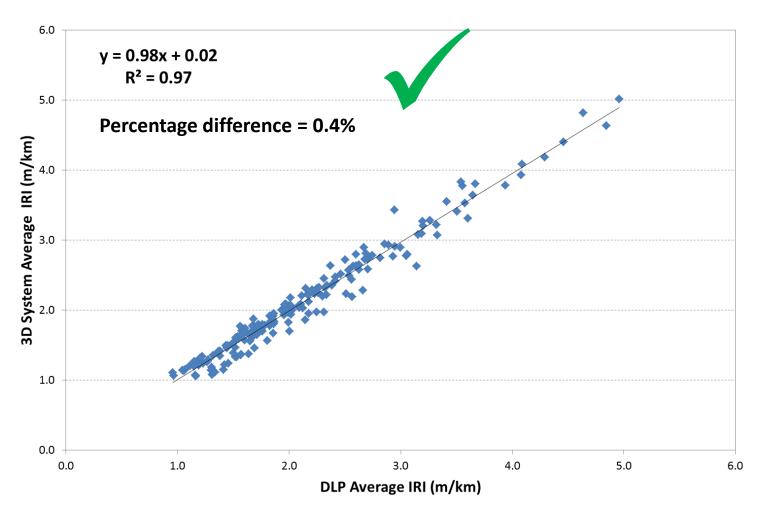


# Loop method





## Results – loop method



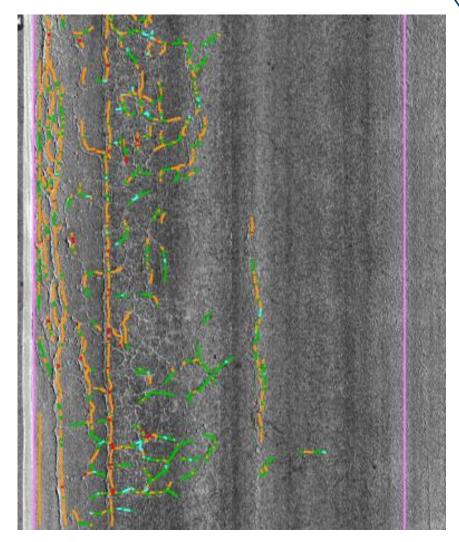




# In progress - new test method for cracking

- PIARC CT4.2
- AASHTO







#### What happens when.....



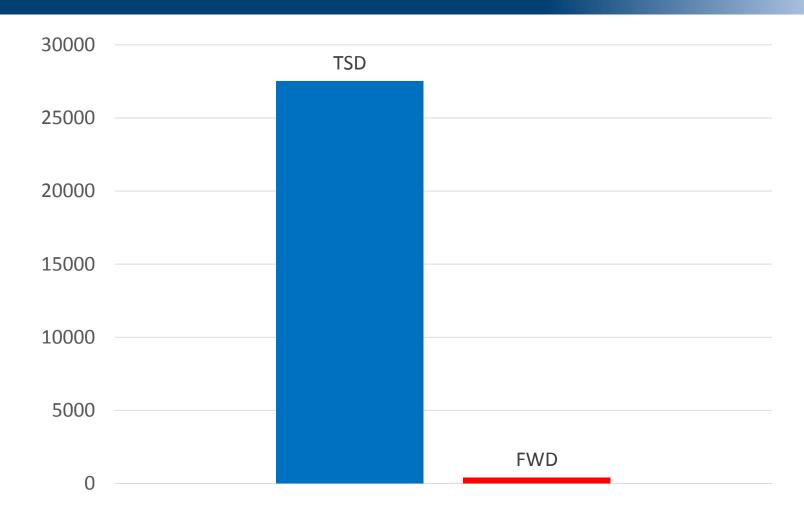
#### Safe



- travels at prevailing traffic speed with no external traffic control
- TSD can complete an entire 10,000 mile network in 12 weeks
- the equivalent FWD survey will take 15 years
- reduced operator and equipment risk over other stationary & slow moving devices



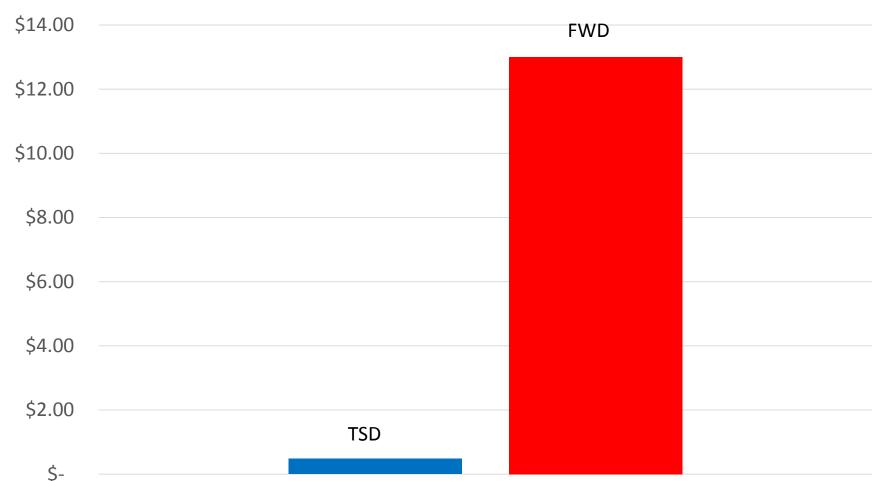
#### Fast – test points per day





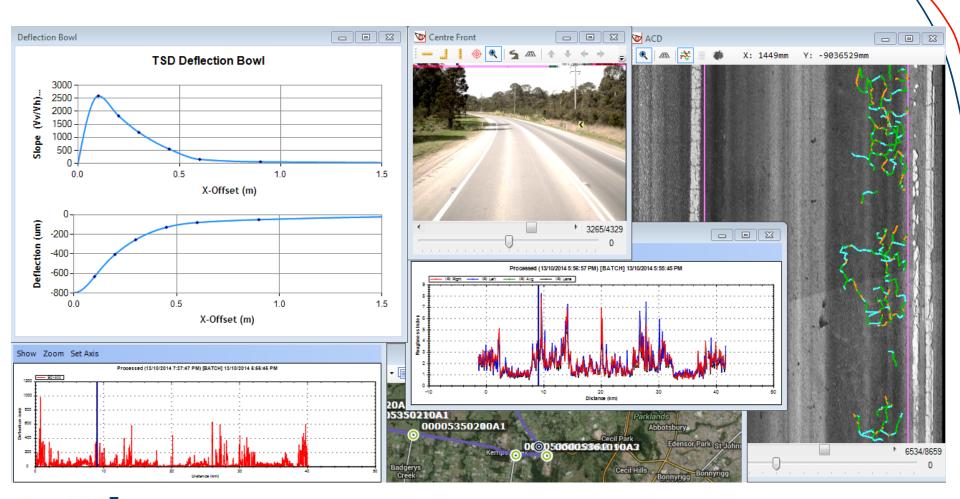


# Efficient – cost per test





## Efficient – multiple data sets is single pass





#### Extent of use

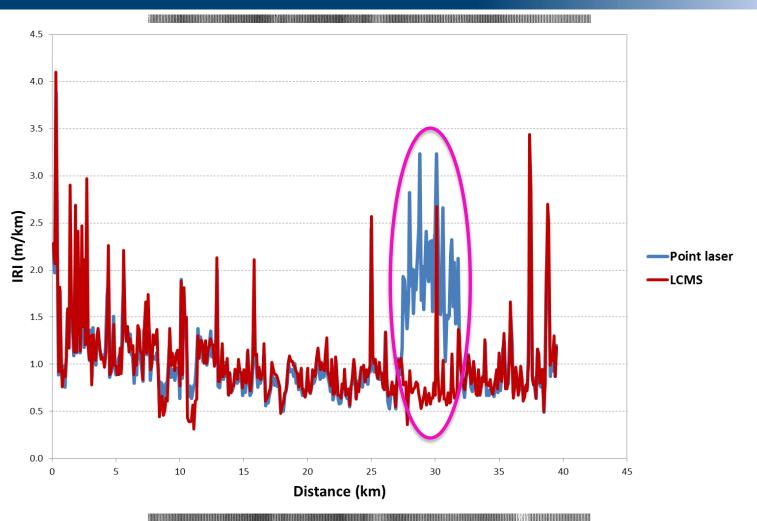


- 2 thirds through the second year's survey program
- 110,000 miles driven
- over 50,000 miles collected
- over 8 million deflection bowls reported





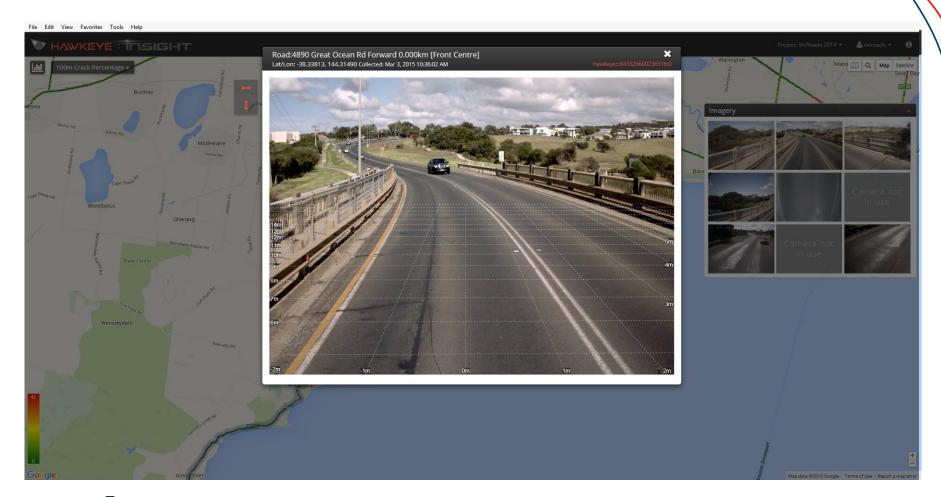
#### **Grooved concrete**







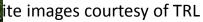
#### Web based data viewers





# Using drones







# Australian outback



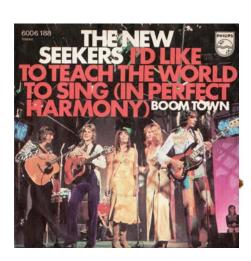


#### Conclusion

- test methods and specifications can assist in attaining harmonisation
- they must be 'living' documents to cater for new advances in technology
- new advances in technology are allowing us to collect pavement condition data in new ways









#### In memoriam: Roland Leschinski







# Thank you



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