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<p>The oldest safety feature we have on our roads today is a white line depicting either the road centre line or a traffic lane. This feature however has the possibility of providing significantly more information to drivers on the conditions ahead. In particular we can apply this line to indicate to drivers that the overtaking opportunity is coming to an end and they should return to their traffic lane. This is an application used elsewhere in the world where two-lane rural roads are common and conditions often identical or more treacherous than on NZ roads.</p> <p>The case for the thin white is intended to elicit discussion on the application of the white line to improve overtaking information on two lane roads, and for a revised overtaking lane concept.</p> <p>We have available to us a body of knowledge from overseas; now it is for us to learn from it and adopting improvements to at least meet international applications. Our safety record is no longer as good as we desire, and some lateral applications could bring us back on track.</p>			