



Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

Queensland speed camera trial at road works a key measure in protecting road workers

Lives will be saved thanks to a world-first Queensland trial, backed by the Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) jointly with Roads Australia, Traffic Management Association of Australia, AustStab and Safer Australian Roads and Highways. This trial will use speed camera technology to target speeding drivers in school zones and roadwork areas across Queensland.

More than 1,000 people die and a further 44,000 suffer serious injuries on Australian roads every year. Speeding is a factor in approximately one third of these incidents, and it is hoped the trial will deter reckless driving in high-risk areas.

All joint associations seek this initiative to be supported nationally. A joint statement calls for a range of other safety measures, including:

- Separation of traffic and road workers will always be the first consideration and implemented wherever feasible.
- Support for speed advisory signs in the lead into road works sites, advising drivers where they are over the lowered speed limit.
- A commitment from government to enforce restricted speed limits in work sites through the use of available speed enforcement measures, including point-to-point camera technology and mobile speed cameras.
- The introduction and use of new technology that can accurately determine speeds and advise accordingly and enforce speed limits.
- That any revenue generated from enforcement be directed back into road safety and road condition projects that are linked to a vision of zero harm on the road network.

Carlos Rial, CEO of AfPA, praised the Queensland Government's decision. He said:

"It is excellent to see Queensland through Minister Mark Bailey leading the world with this trial which will help to improve safety on the state's roads.

"Everyone deserves to get home safe from work, including the hardworking men and women who help build and maintain our roads. Simple safety measures, like speed cameras or separation of traffic and road workers, will make their job that bit safer.

"We urge other governments to follow Queensland's example and consider all the measures proposed by AfPA with other industry bodies in our joint statement as we seek to make Australian roads safer."

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