



**Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release**

## **AfPA Welcomes Road Worker Safety Campaign**

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has welcomed the launch of a new campaign run by the New South Wales Government aimed at slowing down motorists in and around road work sites in a bid to save road worker lives.

The campaign will work to educate drivers and riders about how speed affects visibility and risk around roadwork sites. A campaign that AfPA has hailed a crucial step toward reducing fatalities but urges more can be done.

The association has stated that whilst perception change and education are crucial steps toward reducing road incidents, real changes to regulations and standards are also necessary to create real change.

For example, AfPA has called for the separation of traffic and road workers or controlling speed through speed management technology where this cannot be achieved. This call for action is supported by multiple associations such as TMAA, Austab, and Roads Australia.

Research conducted by South Australia's Centre for Automotive Safety Research shows that fixed point-to-point average-speed cameras improve speed and safety where implemented.

In the Government's announcement Tara McCarthy, Deputy Secretary of Safety, Environment and Regulation at Transport for NSW, pointed out that between 2016 and 2020 there were 39 people injured or killed in road crashes involving road workers in NSW.

CEO of AfPA, Carlos Rial, said:

"The safety of our road workers - every day Aussies completing a crucial service that benefits every one of us - is of the highest priority to AfPA and its members.

"In the wake of recent flooding across NSW, these road works have never been more important. We applaud the deputy secretary and the Government for taking steps to reduce the currently unacceptable statistics around road worker incidents.

"AfPA supports continuing to build on current commitments to enforcing restricted speed limits using available speed enforcement measures, including point-to-point camera technology and mobile speed cameras in and around all road work sites to save lives.

### **About AfPA**

The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) is the peak body for the multi-billion-dollar flexible pavement industry in Australia. For over 50 years, AfPA has represented the flexible pavement industry to lead safety, sustainability, innovation, knowledge, and collaboration outcomes unified voice on the advancement of flexible pavement technology for the benefit of all road users