Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

World First Initiative Gets Industry Backing

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The Queensland Government has announced, as part of Road Safety Week, a world first initiative to help prevent incidents in and around school zones and road work sites using new speed camera technology, with industry peak-body, the Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) hailing the initiative a 'life-saver'.

The initiative will see the installation of specially made solar-powered speed cameras right across the state, designed to mitigate the number of fatalities on Queensland roads, including the 183 road transport industry workers killed between 2015 to 2019.

The cameras, proven to reduce likelihood of speeding-related incidents, also allow for manoeuvrability around work sites and have been hailed by many industry experts as a fantastic example of critical and effective innovation. For the first time these cameras will also be able to operate in temporary and mobile work sites, enforcing speed limits where workers on foot are most at risk.

CEO of AfPA, Carlos Rial, said:
"AfPA maintains that even one preventable incident on our roads is too many. We commend the Queensland Government for recognising the ongoing danger faced by our essential road workers and responding with this innovative policy.

"AfPA has long called for the implementation of camera innovations and other life-saving measures to keep those most vulnerable, in this case our workers and communities, as safe as possible on our roads."

Transport and Main Roads Minister, Mark Bailey, said:
"I don't want to see another roadworker killed or someone's child badly injured on their way to school just because of the recklessness of a speeding driver.

"These cameras will pop up in high-risk locations next month so I am giving Queenslanders fair warning that these can be anywhere, anytime.

"It's vital we do everything we can to keep the vulnerable in our community safe on our roads and these cameras will help to achieve that."