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Fixed Speed Cameras Save Lives Say Ministers

Adapted from joint media release, Minister for Transport and Roads, Hon Andrew Constance MP, and Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, 10 October, 2019

Fixed speed cameras across the state have reduced fatalities by 80 per cent, according to the latest annual performance review.

Minister for Roads Andrew Constance said the review analysed all NSW speed camera locations finding fewer fatalities and injuries, despite an overall increase in traffic.

Mr Constance said that in 2018 347 lives were lost on NSW roads, and this year's toll is already at 292, with speeding is the biggest killer.

He said speed cameras in the right locations slow drivers down and save lives.

The review found at the 171 intersections where red-light speed cameras are installed, fatalities fell by 74 per cent, serious injuries dropped by 40 per cent and pedestrian casualties almost halved.

The review also identified fewer heavy vehicle crashes along average speed camera enforcement lengths, with fatalities falling by 44 per cent.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole speed cameras are in place to improve road safety, for all road users.

Mr Toole urged road users to heed warnings and slow down and help prevent tragedies.

Mr Constance said the speed camera program is reviewed annually and, if any are not delivering benefits, they are removed.

Operation Kingsize Demonstrates High Industry Compliance Levels

A national operation inspecting more than 3500 heavy vehicles, including oversize overmass and Performance Based Standards combinations, has found that 93 per cent were compliant with their permit conditions, according to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

NHVR Chief Operations Officer, Paul Salvati, said the third Operation Kingsize was conducted over nine days in September.

“This year, officers inspected 3533 heavy vehicles which showed that 93.1 per cent were compliant with their permit or notice conditions,” Mr Salvati said.

“Importantly, we saw over the course of the operation, the compliance rate increased as word spread about the nature of the operation.

“This year’s operation was also designed to better educate drivers on compliance with 25.9 per cent of intercepts resulting in a warning and information for operators.”

Authorised Officers from 10 agencies including police, state transport agencies and the NHVR were deployed to 142 locations across Australia, a significant increase from the 28 locations utilised in 2018.

Mr Salvati said the operation was intelligence-led, with real-time data managed through the NHVR Command Centre, ensuring information between NHVR, the heavy vehicle data network and on-road officers including police was managed effectively.

“The average intercept duration for compliant vehicles was 14.1 minutes, compared to the average intercept duration of 30.7 minutes for non-compliant vehicles,” Mr Salvati said.

Overall there were 872 offences recorded across a range of categories, which equates to a compliance rate of 82.3 per cent of the vehicles intercepted – an increase from 80.7 per cent last year.

The most common offence in relation to access was failure to carry a required permit or notice, required under the Heavy Vehicle National Law. Other offences included breaches of mechanical safety (31.8 per cent), mass (12.8 per cent), dimension (5.2 per cent), and loading (4.8 per cent).

NSW Government Launches New Mobile Reporting System for Dangerous Work Practices

Adapted from media release, Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation, Hon Kevin Anderson MP, 16 October, 2019

Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation, Kevin Anderson, says the reporting dangerous work practices and risks to workers’ safety is now easier following the launch of the NSW Government’s new mobile reporting system ‘*Speak Up. Save Lives*’.

Mr Anderson says the new mobile reporting tool will enable workers who see workplace risks which could lead to injury or death to send photos of dangerous conditions they see straight to SafeWork NSW.

Mr Anderson said that safety is everyone’s responsibility, and everyone should feel confident they can report unsafe conditions.

He said this new tool provides another way for workers to notify SafeWork NSW of a safety concern.

Mr Anderson said ‘*Speak Up. Save Lives*’ is accessed via mobile devices. It also features a GPS locator to negate the need to know an exact location.

Although users who provide their contact details will be sent a receipt of the concern lodged via email or text reports can be made anonymously.

Mr Anderson stressed that 'Speak Up. Save Lives' does not replace the existing need for workers to report unsafe work practices to employers or to SafeWork NSW.

He said SafeWork NSW will review all complaints and take action based on the level of risk present.

'Speak Up. Save Lives' will also be available from app stores in the New Year free of charge.

To access the tool visit <https://speakup.safework.nsw.gov.au/> on your mobile device.

NHVR Releases Top Tips Portal to Reduce Application Processing Times

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has released a top tips guide to its Portal to help operators reduce their application processing times.

NHVR Access Manager Roger Garcia said the short guide was aimed at addressing common errors and questions when applying for access permits.

The guide details how to follow these top 5 tips:

1. Use detailed mapping
2. Include axle spacing
3. Provide accurate mass breakdowns
4. Specify ground contact width
5. Include tyre size

Find the guide at <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201910-1119-access-applications-top-tips-for-operators.pdf>

Vehicle Standards Service Now Available on NHVR Portal

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has announced that its Vehicle Standards service will be available in the NHVR Portal from 4pm Wednesday 16 October.

It says this is another step towards giving industry a single source of business information, streamlining interactions and linking NHVR's services.

Vehicle Standards applications for In-Principle Support, Exemption Permits and Modifications will be able to be lodged through the NHVR Portal.

It says operators will also be able to attach engineers' reports, images and diagrams or schematics for vehicles.

It says that in the future, application status will be able to be viewed via the NHVR Portal to track progress of applications.

More new services are planned to join the NHVR Portal in the coming months, including National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme.

New Workers Compensation Payment Calculations Take Effect from 21 October

New regulations relating to the calculation of Pre-injury Average Weekly Earnings (PIAWE) in workers compensation matters take effect in NSW from 21 October as part of a package of reforms passed last year under the *Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2018*.

These new regulations, the *Workers Compensation Pre-injury Average Weekly Earnings Regulation 2019*, specify how a worker's PIAWE is calculated as well as rights and obligations of affected parties in circumstances where an employee is entitled to weekly payments under a workers' compensation claim in NSW.

Further information in the form of simple two page guide is available from the State Insurance Regulatory Agency website, https://www.sira.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/555586/SIRA09066-PIAWE-reference-guide.pdf.

Lower Speed Zones in Inner City Suburbs from 28 October

Adapted from media release, Transport for NSW, 16 October, 2019

New speed limits will be introduced on local roads in Alexandria, Redfern, Zetland, Waterloo and Moore Park from Monday 28 October, according to Transport for NSW Acting South East Precinct Director Nic Kocoski.

Mr Kocoski said new 40km/h zones are being introduced on local roads in Redfern, Zetland and Waterloo across an area bound by Elizabeth, Cleveland and South Dowling streets and Epsom Rd.

He said the speed limit will also be reduced from 60km/h to 50km/h along, along Sydney Park and Euston roads, McEvoy and Lachlan streets and Dacey Ave.”

Forthcoming ARTIO NSW Events

ARTIO NSW Breakfast Briefing, 30 October

A reminder that the next ARTIO NSW Breakfast Briefing will be held on 30 October at the Rooty Hill RSL Club with guest speaker, Dr Jeff Potter, Principal Policy Advisor at the National Transport Commission. Jeff will speak on the Heavy Vehicle National Law review currently underway.

This is an opportunity to ask questions and make comments relevant to the review.

ARTIO NSW Industry Leaders Dinner, 7 November

ARTIO NSW will hold its next Industry Leaders Dinner on 7 November at the Executive Room, El Phoenician, Parramatta.

Guest speaker is Mal Kains, a safety and risk practitioner specialising in transport safety investigation. Mal will discuss the importance of a safety culture in transport.

Mal has extensive incident site experience and has trained and mentored investigators. He was appointed chief investigator into the Waterfall rail disaster, working in conjunction with the special commission of inquiry headed by Justice Peter McInerney. Over the following decade he undertook more than 300 occurrence investigations and managed safety projects in NSW and WA.

Mal has contributed to the development of industry standards and codes of practice and overseen the development of safety systems and processes across rail, air, light rail and heavy vehicle industries.

For further information on these events, please contact the ARTIO NSW office, tel: 0412 8808961, email, hughmc@artionsw.com.au.

New Clearway

Woodville Rd between Parramatta Rd, Granville and Hume Hwy, Villawood

New and extended clearways will operate in both directions on Woodville Rd between Parramatta Rd, Granville and Hume Hwy, Villawood from 6am, Monday, 28 October. The new and extended clearways will operate from 6am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, and from 9am to 6pm on weekends and public holidays.

Road Works Update

M4 Motorway Closure; Ramp Closures, 21 October

RMS has advised that gantry installation will require closing the M4 between Reservoir Rd and Wallgrove Rd, both eastbound and westbound, from 11pm Monday 21 October until 4am Tuesday 22 October. This closure may be moved to Tuesday or Wednesday night due to weather or other conditions.

There will be temporary traffic changes during the closure to ensure the work zone is safe. Light and heavy vehicles will be diverted onto the Great Western Hwy from Reservoir Rd and Wallgrove Rd/M7. The following ramps will be closed on Monday 21 October from:

- 9pm All M7 to M4 on ramps
- 10pm Cumberland Hwy westbound on ramp
Reservoir Rd westbound on ramp
- 11pm Wallgrove Rd eastbound on ramp
M4 to M7 westbound off ramp
M4 to Wallgrove Rd westbound off ramp

M4 Motorway: Prospect Hwy Westbound Cumberland Hwy Eastbound On Ramp Closures to 30 October

RMS has advised that the following ramp closures will take place on the Prospect Highway westbound on ramp on the M4 Motorway:

- Sunday 20 October to Monday 21 October
One night ramp closure
(Westbound on ramp)
- Tuesday 22 October to Friday 25 October
Three night ramp closure
(Westbound on ramp)
- Sunday 27 October to Monday 28 October
One night ramp closure
(Westbound on ramp)
- Tuesday 29 October to Wednesday 30 October
One night ramp closure
(Westbound on ramp)

M4 Motorway: Coleman St On Ramp Closures, 21-31 October

RMS has advised that upcoming work will lead to the following ramp closures on the Coleman Street eastbound on ramp and westbound off ramp on the M4 Motorway:

- Monday 21 to Thursday 24 October
9pm to 4am
Three night ramp closure
(eastbound on ramp)
- Thursday 24 to Friday 25 October
9pm to 5am
One night ramp closure
(westbound off ramp)
- Monday 28 to Thursday 31 October
9pm to 4am
Three night ramp closure
(eastbound on ramp)

Intersection, Badgerys Creek Rd and The Northern Rd, from Friday, 18 October

RMS has advised that as part of The Northern Rd upgrade, it will upgrade the intersection of Badgerys Creek Rd and The Northern Rd.

It says it will need to close Badgerys Creek Rd and put a detour in place.

This work will take place between 8pm Friday 18 October to 5am Monday 21 October 2019, weather permitting.

A temporary traffic detour will be in place during the work. Motorists travelling north on The Northern Rd will turn right at Elizabeth Dr. Motorists travelling west on Elizabeth Dr will need to turn left at The Northern Rd. There will be traffic control and signage in place to direct motorists.

Pacific Hwy, Gordon

Transport for NSW has advised that new no stopping signs will be installed between Merriwa Street and Ryde Road at Gordon and will apply from 15 November.

the Cross City Tunnel will be closed for maintenance work between 10pm and 5am from Tuesday 8 October to Friday 11 October.

Westbound traffic is being diverted via Craigend St. Eastbound traffic is being diverted via William St.

Road Closure, Bulli Pass, 29 and 30 October

Transport for NSW has advised that Bulli Pass will be closed on 29 and 30 October in both directions from 9am to 3pm.

Road Closure, Badgery's Creek Rd, 18-21 October

Transport for NSW has advised that the Badgery's Creek Rd will be closed in both directions between Elizabeth Dr and The Northern Rd from 8pm on 18 October to 5am on 21 October.

Road Closure, May St, St Peters, 18-21 October

Transport for NSW has advised that May St, St Peters will be closed as follows from 18 to 21 October between Princes Hwy and Bedwin Rd/Campbell St.:

- 18/19 October: 9pm-10pm, southbound; 10pm-7am, both directions.
- 19/20 October: 7am-9pm, southbound; 9pm-8am, both directions.
- 20/21 October: 8am-8pm, southbound; 8pm-5am, both directions.

Boxers Creek Bridge, Hume Hwy

RMS has advised that it will carry out essential maintenance work including road barrier upgrades to ensure the safety of road users at Boxers Creek Bridge on the Hume Hwy southbound between Marulan and Goulburn between 7am and 5pm, Monday to Friday from 14 October to 1 November. Night work will be carried out between 6pm and 2am from 20 October to 31 October, weather permitting.

Other Road Works

The following new road work alerts may impact your operations. Please refer to earlier editions of *The Courier* for other current road works.

Suburb/ Town	Road	Date/s	No of Shifts	Work Times
Cronulla	Kingsway from Elouera Rd to Franklin Rd	27/10-20/12/19	10	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Eastlakes, Daceyville, Kingsford	Gardeners Rd from Bunnerong Rd to Racecourse Pl	10/11/19- 28/2/20	33	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Gordon	Pacific Hwy from Merriwa St to Ryde Rd	11-15/11/19	2	8pm-5am Mon and Fri
Granville- Villawood	Woodville Rd from Parramatta Rd to Hume Hwy	12/10-27/10/19	16	8pm-5am Mon-Sun
Monterey	President Ave from The Grand Pde to O'Connell St	20/10-20/12/19	18	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Surry Hills, Darlinghurst, Paddington	Flinders St from Moore Park Rd to South Dowling St	20-10-6/12/19	8	8pm-5am Sun-Fri

Economic and Industry Indicators

Indicator/Source ¹	As at	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Annual % Variation
GDP latest quarter (ABS)	Jun Qtr 2019	\$m	465,494	1.4
CPI (ABS)	Jun Qtr 2019	Per cent		1.6
Cash rate (RBA)	Current	Per cent	0.75	
Estimated residential population (ABS)	18 Oct 2019	Million	25,494	1.6
Retail turnover (ABS)	Aug 2019	\$m	27,501	2.3
Actual new capital expenditure (ABS)	Jun Qtr 2019	\$m	29,240	-1.3

¹ ABS – Australian Bureau of Statistics; RBA – Reserve Bank of Australia; AIP – Australian Institute of Petroleum; FCAI – Federated Chamber of Automotive Industries; TIC – Truck Industry Council/'Prime Mover' latest issue.

Inventories held by private business (ABS)	Jun Qtr 2019	\$m	161,678	0.3
Dwelling unit approvals (ABS)	Aug 2019	Number	12,864	-25.9
Manufacturers Income (ABS)	Jun 2019	\$m	81,007	-4.0
TEUs Port Botany (NSW Ports)	2 months to Aug 2019	Number	401,695	-11.7
Employed persons (ABS)	Sep 2019	Million	12.943	2.4
Unemployment rate (ABS)	Sep 2019	Per cent	5.3	0.1
Wage price Index (ABS)	Jun Qtr 2019	Per cent		
All employees				2.3
Transport, postal and warehousing				2.4
New motor vehicle sales (FCAI)	9 months to Sep 2019	Number	811,464	-7.9
Cab Chassis/Prime Mover Sales (TIC)	8 months to Aug 2019	Number	21,075	-8.2
Vans (TIC)	8 months to Aug 2019	Number	4,305	2.7
AIP Terminal Gate Price-Diesel-Sydney	18 Oct 2019	Cents/litre incl. GST	138.0	-9.9

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