

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Protecting Queensland roadworkers

Queensland's temporary traffic management industry has an extra four months to prepare for mandatory adoption of the Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (AGTTM), after the deadline was extended to 1 December 2021.

The guide, which was released nationally in December 2019, provides consistent national guidance for the planning, design and implementation of safe, economical and efficient temporary traffic management.

Transport and Main Roads Director-General Neil Scales said the guide's adoption would maximise safety for roadworkers and motorists at temporary traffic management sites.

"We have been working with temporary traffic management organisations across the state for almost 18 months to prepare them for the mandatory adoption of the guide," Mr Scales said.

"We have had regular contact with key stakeholder groups to offer guidance and encourage early adoption of the best practices that will keep their people safe when working on the roadside.

"They have been able to voluntarily adopt the new temporary traffic management standards in Queensland since 1 January 2021."

Mr Scales said the date for mandatory adoption had been extended from 1 August to 1 December 2021 to support companies focused on the Queensland Government's *Unite and Recovery* program of work.

"We know the temporary traffic management industry has been working hard to support the *Unite and Recovery* program of work in Queensland while transitioning to the new standards, and the extension will allow four more months to prepare," he said.

"AGTTM adoption is an important step towards improving safety for some of our most vulnerable workers and ensure a consistent approach to temporary traffic management Australia wide.

"Road workers and traffic controllers are some of the most essential roles when delivering the critical infrastructure projects that keep our state moving.

"They should be able to go to work with confidence that their safety is the number one priority. Full adoption of the nation-wide guidance is one of the best ways to achieve that."

AGTTM provides guidance on traffic control devices including signs, traffic signals, pavement markings and traffic islands used at temporary road work sites.

It seeks to provide consistency and safety for at sites for workers, as well as pedestrians, bike riders and motorcycle riders.

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