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Response to Question on Notice – Inquiry into Road Safety

During Roads Australia's appearance before the Joint Select Committee on Road Safety on 30 September 2021, we took on notice a question from Mr Thistlethwaite to provide the set of data we wish the Office of Road Safety to collect in relation to road work sites.

The full data set we suggest below is as far as we understand not collected by any state or territory jurisdiction, but we believe it would provide important insights and a more complete picture of the incidents occurring around road work sites.

It should also be noted that a section of the industry has already moved towards a standardised set of incident reporting. The [Australian Flexible Pavement Association](#) (AfPA) have developed a Safety Alert Template that provides a standard set of data points to collect and share with the members of AfPA. This has already been a big step forward by the industry, but it is voluntary collection by selected participants and therefore does not provide a comprehensive view of the issues across Australia.

The data that RA would like collected is very similar to that already being collected by AfPA by participating members.

For any and all incidents resulting in death and/or injuries to members of the public and/or workers in or near road work sites, including the lead up to and the exit from these sites:

- A description of the incident and the work site including:
 - GPS coordinates of the incident and geographic details (eg, regional, remote, suburban or urban)
 - The type of works being undertaken
 - Default speed limit and the reduced speed limit during the works
 - Any safety devices in use on the site (eg, Variable Messaging Boards, static signs, cones/bollards, Truck Mounted Attenuators, barrier separation, portable traffic lights, remote controlled gates, speed monitoring etc)
 - Location of the incident in relation to the work site and in relation to any safety devices
 - Any traffic control measures in place (eg, lane closure, contraflow)
- Details on the people involved including:
 - Injured/deceased persons age and gender

- If they were a pedestrian or in a vehicle or some other form of mobility (eg, bicycle, scooter)
 - If in a vehicle, where in the vehicle they were (front, rear, driver, passenger)
- Extra details in injury/fatality involved a road worker:
 - What activity they were performing at the time
 - What controls (if any) were in place to separate them from live traffic
- General details:
 - All vehicles involved
 - Time of day and light level (eg, day/night, dusk/dawn)
 - Weather conditions
 - Type of road and road owner
 - Any known / found contributing factors
 - Any other information available to investigators (eg, camera footage etc)

Yours sincerely,

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