



*'Raising the bar'*  
National Road Worker Safety

Action Plan  
*July 2024 – July 2025*

*'Everyone has a right to get home safe,  
every day, without exception.'*

*Peter Frazer OAM – SARAH Group*



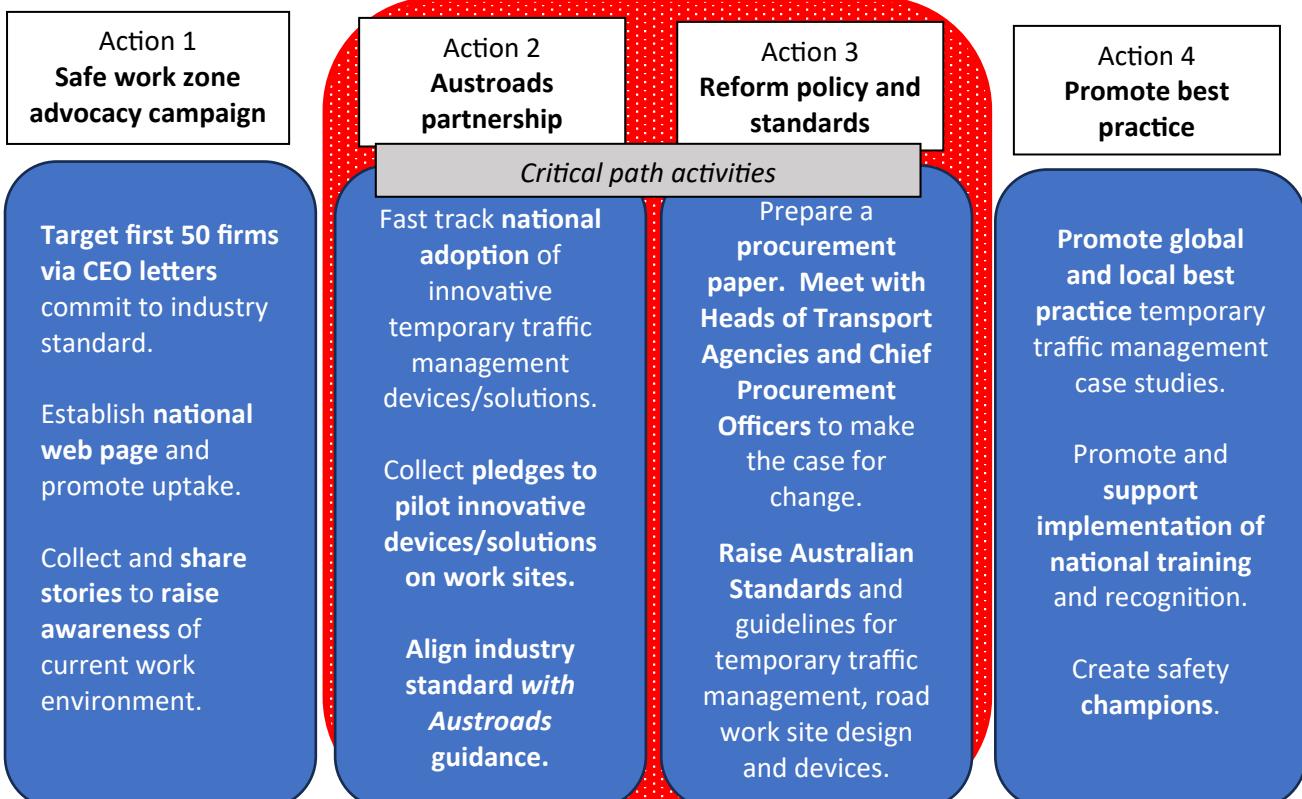
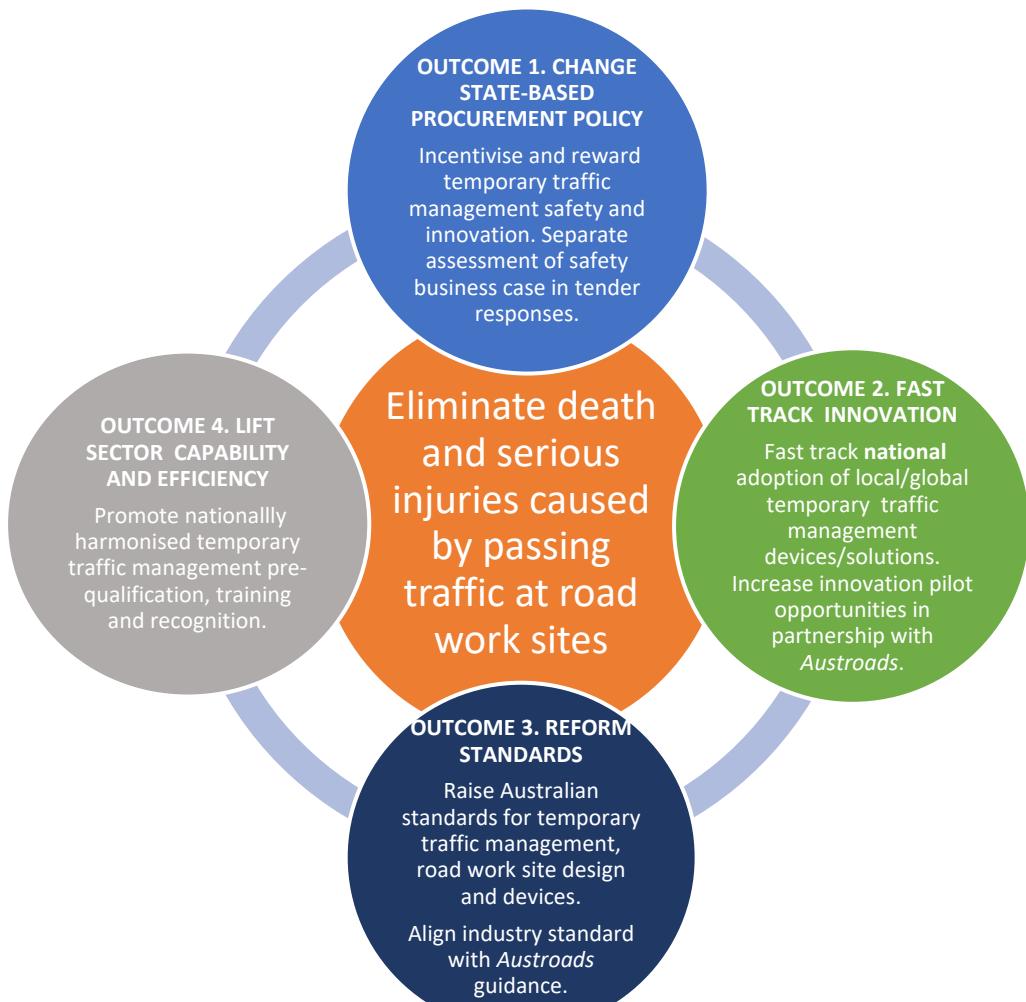
*Industry experiences a constant uneasiness with responsibility for thousands of road workers operating every day and night on Australia's roads. This is exposure to risk at scale, mitigating endless variables to keep people safe.*

RA Road Worker Safety Working Group June 2024

### **Objective:**

To eliminate death and serious injuries caused by passing traffic on road work sites across Australia, in partnership with New Zealand.

Achieved through national government and industry partnerships with procurement and regulatory incentives that exceed minimum safety standards and adopts innovation that eliminates death and serious injuries to road workers.





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<b>JULY – SEPTEMBER 2024</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urgently reinvigorate Safe Work Zone Advocacy Campaign</li><li>• Quickly establish national web page and promote existing commitments</li><li>• Collect and promote high-risk work environment examples</li><li>• Identify safety champions across Australia</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prepare procurement paper</li><li>• Meet with the Heads of Transport Agencies and Chief Procurement Officers/safety influencers in QLD, NSW to request procurement policy change for safety to be considered separately in tenders</li><li>• Support national adoption of innovative devices/solutions recognised by Austroads through the <a href="#">AIDTSA scheme</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approach Standards Australia, Safe Work Australia and Austroads on standards, <a href="#">guidance</a> and reform</li><li>• Understand cycle, timeframes and appetite for change</li><li>• Understand the scope for digital innovation</li><li>• Promote adoption of AITDSA-recommended innovative devices/solutions</li></ul>
<b>OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2024</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage and promote broad campaign participation via partner peak bodies</li><li>• Continue to advocate with safety champions and grow RA members to announce safer work zone commitment</li><li>• Grow pool of high-risk examples to publish as a collective group</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore how to align <a href="#">industry guideline</a> with <a href="#">Austroads guidance</a> to create one industry reference</li><li>• Meet with the Heads of Transport Agencies and Chief Procurement Officers in SA, TAS to request procurement policy change for safety to be considered separately in tenders</li><li>• Collect and map work sites ready to pilot innovation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collect and promote best practice temporary traffic management case studies together with Austroads</li><li>• Develop collective position on standards reform – objectives, outcomes, evidence base</li><li>• Identify and promote digital innovation in temporary traffic management, and encourage AITDSA assessment.</li></ul>
<b>JANUARY – MARCH 2025</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify new parties to adopt safer work zone commitment and approach</li><li>• Report and promote summary of high-risk trends and patterns from high-risk examples – including different settings and common outcomes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement outcome from Austroads exploration to bring industry guidance into one document.</li><li>• Meet with the Heads of Transport Agencies and Chief Procurement Officers in VIC, WA to request procurement policy change for safety to be considered separately in tenders</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present industry view of standards reform</li><li>• Advocate for change based on latest safety evidence, technology and innovation</li><li>• Raise awareness of Austroads national harmonised training scheme</li></ul>
<b>APRIL – JUNE 2025</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report on outcomes, advocacy campaign achievements, gaps, opportunities to members, governments and industry</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement outcome from Austroads exploration to bring industry guidance into one document.</li><li>• Track procurement response</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing support and promote national harmonised training scheme</li></ul>



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