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For traffic and transport practitioners

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## USE OF PORTABLE SPEED HUMP DEVICES

### General

There is a continuing need to reduce the speed of traffic at roadwork sites in order to provide the maximum amount of safety for road workers. This speed reduction is currently achieved through the use of appropriate signs, devices, space restrictions, pilot vehicles, roadwork speed zones and other means.

Recent experience in some other States, and limited trials undertaken by the RTA in New South Wales, have indicated that roadwork speed zone compliance may be better achieved in some instances through the use of temporary speed humps and accompanying signage on short term works.

Note: The devices trialled did not require fixing to the road surface.

During the trials mentioned above the procedures and TCPs developed by other States were used and amended as appropriate by RTA officers involved. As a result draft procedures have been produced for the use of temporary speed humps on RTA works.

### Action

If it is proposed to trial portable speed humps on RTA works, contact must be made in the first instance with Terry McKay, Sydney Road Services, to obtain copies of the report on their use, the draft procedures and general advice on the use of the devices.

Prior to commencing any trial, the approval of the Regional Manager must be obtained.

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Following approval to conduct a trial, the approval must be reported to the General Manager Traffic Management to allow a record to be kept of all trials undertaken. These records will then be tabled at each RTA Traffic Control at Work Sites Committee meeting.

A report on each trial must also be prepared and forwarded to the General Manager Traffic Management for consideration of the RTA's Traffic Control at Work Sites Committee.

## Updates

To ensure that this Technical Direction and any related guidelines remain current and relevant, minor updates may be made from time to time. Any updates may be obtained from the RTA website using the Traffic & Transport Policies & Guidelines Register which can be found at:

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