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400 employees left jobless as Advanced Traffic Management WA enters liquidation

The sudden liquidation of Advanced Traffic Management (ATM) has sent shockwaves through Perth's community of traffic controllers. Hundreds of workers have lost their jobs without warning as ATM winds down operations.

It's understood around 400 staff across Perth and regional WA lost their jobs. For these individual workers, the company's collapse has devastating personal consequences.

ATM was responsible for supplying traffic control services and equipment to many major road projects. The company had built a strong reputation over the past two decades. But liquidators were brought in this week after ATM allegedly failed to pay a significant debt. The abrupt closure left traffic controllers and other employees shocked at how suddenly they were out of work.

These workers play a vital role in road safety, manually controlling busy intersections and guiding traffic through roadwork sites. The state government has implored WA's construction industry to take on the hundreds of newly unemployed workers.

TMAA CEO Matthew Bereni said that while ATM was not a member of TMAA, the Association is exploring options to support the unemployed traffic controllers affected by ATM's collapse. "My deepest sympathies go out to the traffic controllers who have sadly lost their jobs due to the collapse of ATM. This is an extremely difficult time for these dedicated professionals who play such a vital role in keeping our roads safe," Mr Bereni said.

"At TMAA, we recognise that the former ATM traffic controllers have invaluable skills and experience managing traffic with the utmost safety and care. Their expertise is a tremendous asset that should not go to waste."

TMAA can assist unemployed traffic controllers by connecting them with their member organisations regarding employment opportunities in WA. TMAA members in the state are also available at short notice to support contractors with traffic management needs.

Lastly, employment opportunities also exist interstate for traffic controllers, with staff shortages currently experienced in the Northern Territory, South Australia and Queensland.

For more information contact TMAA at tmaa@tmaa.asn.au or on 1300 798 772.