

AUSTRALIAN ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION (AAPA) AND MAIN ROADS WA (MRWA) JOINT COMMUNIQUE

Purpose of this Communique

This Communique presents the outcomes of a collaborative workshop held between AAPA and MRWA in Perth Western Australia in July 2020 to give life to the earlier Strategic Alliance Agreement established between the two parties. It identifies priority actions and responsibilities for 2020 and 2021.

Our Goals and Actions

Our goals and actions for the immediate future are listed beneath the following six headings. As partners to this agreement we will:

1. Product Quality

- Undertake workshops to identify the root causes of recurrent non-conformances and to identify improvements to process controls and decision making in response to non-conformances;

2. Sustainable Workforce

- Complete an assessment of industry capability, recruitment, training, and development needs to ensure the MRWA pipeline of projects for the next five years can be delivered, including the state-wide reseal program;
- Expand the jointly funded training initiative established in 2019 to ensure the required levels of skill are available for industry and Main Roads;
- Establish a seal and asphalt industry card scheme to manage, recognise and promote workforce safety and competency.

3. Sustainability Framework

- Establish and convene a joint industry group with AAPA to align the MRWA and AAPA Sustainability Frameworks and identify key initiatives for joint implementation;
- Implement crumb rubber open-graded asphalt and Level 2 RAP asphalt mixes as business as usual products in Metropolitan projects (to achieve 50% adoption across 20/21 projects).

4. Contract Risk Allocation

- Establish a standard set of clauses relating to sub-contractor risk allocation for adoption in MRWA D&C contract forms, including clauses for Rise and Fall, Defect Correction, quality issue resolution and a dispute escalation mechanism.
- Establish an Asphalt and Surfacing Sub-Alliance in a MRWA Alliance to assess and demonstrate the potential benefits.

5. Traffic Management Safety at Roadworks

- Identify and implement a joint improved traffic management initiative under the roll out of the MRWA response to the Austroads harmonisation initiative.

6. Research and Specifications

- Jointly identify improvements and updates to spray sealing specifications to reflect Best Practice to achieve better seal outcomes.




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