



## Australian flexible Pavement Association media release

# Federal Budget paves the way to success

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Today, the Australian flexible Pavement Association welcomed the Federal Government's Budget, which sees significant investment in roads and infrastructure.

AfPA CEO said:

*"This Budget paves the way to success for the economy and hardworking Australians. Investment in much-needed roads and infrastructure will create countless direct and indirect jobs, future-proofing our transportation systems and ensuring the country is well-positioned as we move beyond the pandemic.*

*"AfPA and its members will play a critical role in bringing to life the \$15.2bn additional infrastructure spending, which will underpin economic growth in the coming years.*

*"It's also important that we don't lose sight of the need to maintain roads across the country. We continue to encourage all levels of government – local, state and federal – to work together to address repair backlogs so we can keep Australia moving."*

The Federal Budget included \$15.2bn in additional infrastructure spending, including:

### Queensland

- \$1.6 billion for projects, including:
  - \$400 million for the Bruce Highway; and
  - \$240 million for the Cairns Western Arterial Road Duplication.
  - Additionally, \$464.4 million is also being allocated to road safety and community infrastructure projects.

### Northern Territory

- \$323.9 million for projects, including:
  - \$173.6 million for the Northern Territory Gas Industry Roads Upgrades; and
  - \$150 million for the Northern Territory National Network Highway Upgrades.
  - Additionally, \$77.1 million is also being allocated to road safety and community infrastructure projects.

### Western Australia

- \$1.3 billion for projects, including:
  - \$237.5 million for METRONET works at Hamilton Street and Wharf Street; and
  - \$200 million for upgrades to the Great Eastern Highway.
  - Additionally, \$288.1 million is also being allocated to road safety and community infrastructure projects.

### **New South Wales**

- \$3.3 billion for projects, including:
  - \$2 billion for upgrades to the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow; and
  - \$500 million for Princes Highway Corridor upgrades.
  - Additionally, \$548.5 million is also being allocated to road safety and community infrastructure projects.

### **Australian Capital Territory**

- \$167.3 million for projects, including:
  - \$132.5 million for Canberra Light Rail – Stage 2A; and
  - \$26.5 million for the William Hovell Drive Duplication.
  - Additionally, \$18.9 million is also being allocated to road safety and community infrastructure projects.

### **South Australia**

- \$3.2 billion for projects, including:
  - \$2.6 billion for the North-South Corridor – Darlington to Anzac Highway; and
  - \$148 million for Stage 2 of the Augusta Highway Duplication.
  - Additionally, \$173.9 million is also being allocated to road safety and community infrastructure projects.

### **Victoria**

- \$3 billion for projects, including:
  - \$2 billion for the Melbourne Intermodal Terminal;
  - \$380 million for the Pakenham Roads Upgrade; and
  - \$250 million for Monash Roads Upgrades.
  - Additionally, \$373.5 million is also being allocated to road safety and community infrastructure projects.

### **Tasmania**

- \$322.6 million for projects, including:
  - \$113.4 million for Midland Highway Upgrades; and
  - \$80 million for the Bass Highway Safety and Freight Efficiency Upgrades Package.
  - Additionally, \$54.6 million is also being allocated to road safety and community infrastructure projects.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://budget.gov.au/2021-22/content/overview.htm>