



Industry working with government to safely wake up construction and maintenance on roads

The Australian flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) today committed to working with members, the wider industry and federal and state governments to ensure restrictions are eased on construction as scheduled so critical road building and maintenance projects can continue.

Carlos Rial, CEO of AfPA, said:

“Roads are our nation’s arteries; they provide a critical service to our essential workers and it is important we get back to working on them as soon as possible.

“We understand the need for the current restrictions on construction to limit the spread of COVID-19 and allow government and businesses time to prepare for a safe reopening as scheduled.

“Our industry has robust health and safety measures in place, which have been strengthened throughout the pandemic, and members are ready to respond and adapt their procedures according to health advice.

“We are pleased the NSW Government is committed to reopening construction from 1 August and the South Australian Government will lift restrictions on 28 July. What’s important now is industry and all levels of government collaborating to agree how this will happen and ensure there is confidence in the community.

“While construction has been in the headlines, we can’t forget about industry supply chains which need to be able to operate for the projects to move forward.

“We will be working with all state and federal governments in the coming days and weeks to ensure the essential services work done by our industry can continue safely in both regional and metropolitan areas.”