



## **Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release**

### **AfPA supports fast-tracking road safety investment in Queensland**

The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) welcomes the Federal and Queensland Government's joint \$174million investment to fast-track road safety projects in Queensland.

The package means nearly 50 upgrades can be completed in the next 12 months and builds on \$296.25million in funding for road safety projects announced in January.

AfPA and our industry members look forward to working with the Federal and State Governments in delivering the accelerated spending that will provide good jobs on shovel-ready projects, while improving safety and sustainability on the nation's roads.

Mark Piorkowski, Executive Director for AfPA in Queensland, said:

*"Roads are the arteries of the Australian economy and particularly for such a decentralised state like Queensland. They must be properly funded so they can continue to facilitate the movement of goods and people, which is critical to our prosperity."*

*"It is great to see the Federal and State Governments working together to deliver funding that will improve road safety in Queensland. It is especially pleasing to see governments recognising the importance of enhancing existing road infrastructure, which quickly provides jobs and delivers better safety outcomes for the public."*

*"We are in full support of the Queensland Government's vision of zero deaths or serious injuries on the state's roads by 2050, and it is investment like this which will make that vision a reality."*

*"AfPA and our members will be working with government to ensure these projects are delivered safely and sustainably."*

According to the media release announcing the funding, projects that will be supported include:

#### **Rest area upgrades (statewide)**

\$14 million for fatigue management upgrades to roadside rest areas throughout Queensland.

#### **Dawson Highway – Banana to Rolleston (Central Queensland)**

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#### **Capricorn Highway and Blackwater-Rolleston Road (Central Queensland)**

\$3.5 million to upgrade the intersection to address crash history.

#### **Gulf Developmental Road (Far North Queensland)**

\$2.5 million for widening and sealing along the Gulf Developmental Road to create two lanes.

#### **Brisbane Road – Ipswich**

\$2.5 million for upgrades to the intersection of Brisbane and Braeside roads.



**Palmerston Highway – Innisfail to Ravenshoe (Northern Queensland)**

\$2 million to widen shoulders to create safer roadsides and to install guardrail at high-risk locations.

**Carnarvon Hwy and Noondoo-Thallon Road (Southern Queensland)**

\$1.5 million for improvements to the intersection of Carnarvon Hwy and Noondoo-Thallon Road to ensure safe traffic movements on heavy vehicle route