



## Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

### The Construction Industry in Victoria

The construction industry in Victoria has certainly been challenged over the last week with the shutdown that has been announced for all construction sites in metropolitan Melbourne.

Please refer to the Premiers statement [HERE](#)

The decision to shut down the sector was due to continued concern about case numbers, transmission risk and reduced compliance. The immediate shut down was taken to reduce movement, minimise transmission and allow for the entire industry to appropriately adapt to the Chief Health Officer Directions, including increasing vaccination rates.

AfPA has also been observing the protests that have erupted because of this shutdown and would like to convey to all members that these actions do not represent the views of AfPA and its members. AfPA supports the government directives and the requirement for vaccinations to protect our workforce and the wider community.

It is our understanding that the majority of members across the flexible pavement industry are doing the right thing by getting vaccinated and following the government directives, which is why our industry has been fortunate enough to have been allowed to operate over the last 18 months.

We will continue to work with the State Government and other industry bodies to ensure that our industry can be permitted to reopen and continue to undertake vital projects to ensure the maintenance of our valuable road network.

We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available regarding the construction sector in Victoria.