



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

### **AfPA supports government focus on rural road safety**

The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) welcomes the Federal Government's backing of Rural Road Safety Month, underpinned by its \$3bn national Road Safety Program.

Announcing his support for Rural Road Safety Month, Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce provided a tragic statistic highlighting the importance and need for road safety in regional areas - in 2019, there were 778 deaths on our regional and remote roads.

AfPA and its members are committed to helping to achieve the Government's 'vision zero' – zero deaths or serious injuries on our roads by 2050. As part of this commitment, AfPA and its members play a pivotal role in delivering safe, reliable roads for users across Australia.

Working with its members, AfPA ensures everyone in the industry is using the highest standards of safety. AfPA is also engaging the government on several life-saving road safety initiatives, including the Black Spot Program, Targeted Road Safety Works initiative and the Road Safety Innovation Fund.

Last month, AfPA signed a joint statement with Roads Australia, Traffic Management Association of Australia, Safer Australian Roads and Highways and AustStab advocating for speed cameras on worksites to help keep workers and road users safe. The statement came just days before the Queensland's Minister for Transport and Main Roads announced a welcome project using cameras to target speeding drivers in school zones and roadwork areas across Queensland.

Carlos Rial, CEO of AfPA, said:

“One lost life on our roads is one too many. AfPA and its members are working closely with governments at all levels to deliver safer roads for road users and safer roadwork environments for our essential roadworkers.

“It is good to see this is a priority for the Federal Government. We welcome their support for Rural Road Safety Month, a great initiative with AfPA's full backing.

“As well as backing Rural Road Safety Month, AfPA leads and advocates for a range of other initiatives designed to make our roads safer and last longer for road users.”

<https://minister.infrastructure.gov.au/buchholz/media-release/making-rural-and-regional-road-safety-everyones-business>