



Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

Infrastructure boom must see investment in maintenance

The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) have welcomed recent findings that infrastructure spend is set to reach \$218 billion by 2025 and are calling for sustainable upgrades and maintenance projects to be front of mind for investment.

Infrastructure Australia's latest Market Capacity Report indicates that annual spending is set to reach \$52 billion by 2023, an unprecedented level of investment in Australia creating thousands of jobs and supporting the country's economic recovery.

The Capacity Report finds that 80 per cent of the infrastructure financing will be committed to the transport sector, including road and rail work, representing approximately 4 of every 5 dollars of investment.

AfPA has praised the figures outlined in the report as they indicate a healthy pipeline of road infrastructure work. However, is calling for greater commitment to upgrades and maintenance for existing transport routes and roads.

Carlos Rial, CEO of AfPA, said:

"The pandemic has highlighted just how critical our roads are as a strategic resource for our most vital services. Future investment should also focus on protecting the critical roads that we have, maintaining their reliability and ensuring driver safety upgrades.

"It is fantastic to see that the market is well funded and on track to deliver a brighter infrastructure-driven future for Australians, which will create jobs and support our economic recovery. This outlook supports our vision of safer more-sustainable roads in Australia, which are able to keep up with the needs of future generations."

"It is essential to ensure that this tremendous support is managed sustainably, and that it makes its way into key maintenance and upgrade projects on Australia's roads, not just new project announcements."

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