



Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

AfPA Commends ACT's Road to Recovery

The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has welcomed the ACT Government's 2021-22 Budget, which has seen investment into infrastructure projects placed as a central pillar on which the region's economic recovery will be built.

As well as welcoming this investment, AfPA has expressed desire to continue to work alongside the Government to ensure, that in accordance with its latest net-zero targets, all road projects are sustainably executed and environmentally driven.

The budget announcement will see increased investment in Canberra's active travel network and strategic transport corridors, set to create thousands of local jobs and critical infrastructure upgrades for growing regions in the city.

The \$5 billion dollar infrastructure program will deliver upgrades to footpaths, public transport, active travel infrastructure and strategic roads, right across the ACT.

Minister for Transport and City Services, Chris Steel, stated that the renewed focus on infrastructure would underpin economic recovery in the ACT and would assist in reaching the goal of creating 250,000 local jobs by 2025.

AfPA Executive Director NSW/ACT Lise Sperling, said:

"We are always pleased to see Governments recognise that the key to unlocking better infrastructure for residents, better economic returns for the region and better environmental results for the planet, is road maintenance and not always new projects.

"This is a significant commitment by the Government, one which correctly places infrastructure upgrade as the centrepiece that helps support key goals, such as employment, transport improvements and emission reductions.

"AfPA and its members commend the Government's decision, which will future-proof the state and ensure that the ACT's economy is quick to bloom in the wake of the pandemic."