



Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

AfPA welcomes opening of \$1 billion third phase of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has welcomed the opening of the \$1 billion third phase of the [Local Roads and Community Infrastructure \(LRCI\)](#) program.

This round of funding was first announced in the 21-22 Commonwealth Budget. It comes after the Commonwealth Government provided \$1,495 billion funding in the first two phases of the program, helping to improve roads across the country.

With the third phase now open, councils can start nominating road and infrastructure projects to be part of the program.

Carlos Rial, CEO of AfPA, said:

“We’ve already seen this program bring much-needed funding to local roads across Australia and it’s excellent to see the Commonwealth Government continuing this commitment with phase three. Roads keep our economy moving and the \$1 billion investment will help councils make roads safer and more sustainable.

“What will be important is that the investment is channelled into the right projects and government at all levels prioritise maintenance as well as new road building. It is critical our existing infrastructure is maintained and we have certainty about local road maintenance programs so industry can plan accordingly by recruiting, training and investing in regional areas. This will deliver better outcomes for the public and our regional and national economies.”

For more information on the \$2.5 billion LRCI Program, including the guidelines and allocations for the \$1 billion third phase, visit investment.infrastructure.gov.au/local-roads-and-community-infrastructure.