



Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

Roads must be a priority, AfPA submits recommendations to inform Federal and NSW Budgets

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has submitted its latest set of detailed submissions on behalf of its members and the wider industry in response to the Federal and New South Wales Government's invitation for expertise to inform their respective 2022-23 budgets.

The Federal and NSW submissions are the latest that AfPA has put forward, following a pre-budget submission already made for the Tasmanian government and imminent submissions for the ACT, Queensland and Victorian Governments.

AfPA's Federal and NSW submissions contained several key recommendations which, if implemented, would see the industry and its critical workers enjoy improved, safer conditions and would also ensure a more secure road network which benefits all Australians.

Guided by insights from AfPA's team of industry experts from across the nation, primary recommendations included adopting a 'Fix-it first' approach to addressing back-logs and urgent road work, committing to improving road and road worker safety outcomes, and finally promoting sustainability and circular criteria on road projects into the future.

The submission aimed to represent the interests of members and lead to a more prosperous industry, supported by a robust budget and maintenance pipeline. The submission put forward a rationale for three key outcomes, a strengthened and sustained pipelines of maintenance spend, increased cooperation between all levels of government to lead to better outcomes, and finally additional innovative safety measures to protect our nations drivers and road workers.

Carlos Rial, CEO of AfPA, said:

"It was a great pleasure to be able to represent our industry and to have the opportunity to illustrate just how impactful a well-maintained road system can be for the economy and our communities. We look forward to providing more submissions on behalf of our members moving forward.

"It is our sincere hope that both the Federal and NSW Government are able to recognise the critical importance of our roads and the men and women who maintain them, we look forward to working with all levels of government to realise a safer and more sustainable future.

"Roads keep us connected and keep the nation moving, it is vital that all the 2022-2023 government budgets reflects this and ensure a well-supported industry, ready to deliver a safer, more reliable network."