



**Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release**

## **Industry Ready and Able to Fix Critical Flood Damaged Roads, Peak Body Say's**

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As record rainfall continues to cause flooding across Queensland and New South Wales, the nation's roads are being placed firmly under the spotlight, as evacuation efforts ramp up and major faults present on critical roadways. The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has announced that the industry is ready and committed to getting the nation on the road to recovery.

The commitment from AfPA comes after the NSW Minister for Metropolitan Roads, Natalie Ward, issued a statement pledging a full audit of metropolitan roads to ensure that potholes and road damage which have been exacerbated by the floods are fixed.

AfPA praised the response from the Minister, placing full-industry support behind the audit and argued that in the future more must be done to ensure that our nation's roadways are always well-maintained and done so within their typical 40-year lifespan to avoid incidents and failures when the nation needs them most.

The need for urgent road maintenance work has been intensified, as it was revealed only last month that 77 per cent of roads in regional NSW had exceeded their safe lifespan, needing urgent maintenance work.

CEO of AfPA, Carlos Rial, said:

"AfPA and our members place our full support behind the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, natural disasters such as these truly highlight just how critical our roads are in facilitating our everyday behaviour and most critically, our potential to save lives and protect properties.

"We are devastated for the hardest hit from this unprecedented rainfall, our industry remains ready and prepared to sustainably guarantee that communities and businesses are never left without properly working roads.

Industry seeks to work with Government to ensure that our roads are more resilient to this damage reoccurring in the future."