



**Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release**

## **AfPA Praises Infrastructure Australia's Recommendations to Bring the Industry into the Future**

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has praised Infrastructure Australia's Delivering Outcomes roadmap report as a step in the right direction toward delivering more efficient, harder working roads across the nation.

The report, released by the independent infrastructure advisor last week, aims to lay the foundations for the transition of the Australian infrastructure sector into the modern age, providing economic prosperity and functional benefit to all Australians.

The report details several key recommendations aimed at improving processes across the lifecycle of assets, from procurement to delivery and management, which will facilitate the Australian infrastructure sector to guide the way forward to economic recovery.

AfPA has praised the recommendations, citing clear similarities with AfPA's longstanding calls within the road and transport sector for industry improvement in the areas of certainty around investment pipelines, innovation, ongoing learning, and sustainability.

Some of the key recommendations called for by Infrastructure Australia include:

Enhanced planning across the sector through reliable, transparent, and consistent investment pipelines.

Infrastructure planning which drives investment in new technologies and solutions, improving delivery and value for money.

Creating a culture of continuous learning within the sector to support innovation. Adopting a proactive and systemic approach to improving health and safety outcomes.

Carlos Rial, CEO of AfPA, said:

"Infrastructure Australia's recommendations for improvement have far-reaching and welcome implications for the nation's roads. AfPA has always been an advocate for the proactive improvement of Australian infrastructure standards, especially the advisor's recommendations for sustainable investment pipelines, safety for workers, innovation and a commitment to learning.

"The advisor's calls for improved collaboration are a sentiment we hold particularly close. AfPA believes that healthy collaboration between governments at all levels, industry associations and the skilled men and women who deliver projects, benefits the entire nation.

"We look forward to working with Infrastructure Australia and with our specific industry members to achieve these aspirations sustainably and continue to deliver the critical road infrastructure that the nation relies upon, now and into the future."