



Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

Billon Dollar SEQ City Deal, Local Infrastructure Set to Benefit from Collaboration

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In mid-March a significant announcement was made by the Commonwealth that was a long time in the making declaring the creation of the South East Queensland City Deal which is intended to direct \$1.8b into the region. There are large figures being invested by the federal government of \$667.77m, state government with \$618.78m, local governments tipping in \$501.62m with an additional \$75m to come from industry.

This is a landmark announcement that the Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has welcomed that will see all three levels of government collaborate to deliver more than 30 projects to improve South East Queensland's transport and digital networks, improving 'liveability' into the future.

The SEQ City deal will see the government bodies work collaboratively on financial and organisational levels to deliver key projects designed to accommodate South East Queensland's rapidly growing population. Industry will also work alongside government, contributing \$75 million in funding.

AfPA has praised the announcement as a significant milestone for the development of future infrastructure, citing that the association has long called for greater levels of collaboration amongst government and industry bodies as a prerequisite to strong transport outcomes for communities.

Projected to generate more than 2,000 jobs, the SEQ City deal is set to benefit the Queensland economy and ensure that infrastructure works harder for Queenslanders.

Carlos Rial, CEO of AfPA, said:

"It is refreshing to see meaningful collaboration between all levels of government and industry, united by a shared goal of improving the region's transport infrastructure and interconnectedness.

"It is our hope that this collaboration sets a clear precedent moving forward, that joint collaboration between funders, managers, planners and industry is the clear path toward improved transparency, sustainability and efficiency for Australian projects.

"AfPA looks forward to working closely together with the various government bodies on it's transport infrastructure plans to ensure that the SEQ City deal is delivered sustainably, works for Queenslanders and sets the standard of excellence for future initiatives."