



Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

Australian first as Gold Coast City Council adopts sustainability framework for roads

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The City of Gold Coast has become the first council in Australia to adopt the Australian Flexible Pavement Association's (AfPA) industry leading sustainability framework for asphalt, leading the way toward more sustainable Australian cities and environmentally friendly road networks.

The City of Gold Coast, the second largest local government in Australia, has adopted the framework on an upcoming tender for the Supply and Laying of Asphalt Pavements, Bituminous Surfacing, and Patching Works. For the first time this process will see applicants required to submit a completed AfPA Sustainability Framework Assessment, for both the asphalt plant and the organisation itself.

The adoption of AfPA's scorecard has massive implications for the industry and councils nationwide, encouraging resource circularity and embedding sustainability into critical city infrastructure. Adopting AfPA's Sustainability Framework for Asphalt (SF4A) scorecard will be an important measure, as the council looks to meet emissions reduction targets and strategic procurement goals.

The collaboration between the City Council and AfPA is hoped to ensure safer, more reliable roads for council residents and set a new standard for sustainability and circular practice for the wider industry.

CEO of AfPA, Carlos Rial, said:

"The City of Gold Coast is to be commended on its Australian-first adoption of renewable criteria into its road maintenance infrastructure tender process. It is our hope that the City Council's leadership will inspire other councils across Australia to ensure that their most important asset, their roads, are delivered and maintained sustainably.

"We are confident that adoption of the criteria, which includes key quantifiable metrics and benchmarks for the reduction of environmental impacts including greenhouse gases, energy and waste associated with asphalt production and operations, will mark the beginnings of a more sustainable industry."

"Our council is heavily invested in sustainability across all our operational and capital works programs," said Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate. At the same time, we are constantly seeking value-for-money for ratepayers so we welcome this announcement."

Councils or organisations interested in adopting AfPA's sustainable procurement criteria can register interest with your State or Territory AfPA Executive Director or alternatively, or Click [HERE](#) to find more information.