



Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

AfPA welcomes new Labor cabinet

The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has this week welcomed the newly announced Labor cabinet which has seen the appointment of one of the most diverse and experienced political line-ups in the nation's history.

Announced late Tuesday night, the twenty-three-member Labor cabinet includes a record number of female ministers and MPs of ethnically diverse backgrounds. Importantly to AfPA and its members, the announcement saw Catherine King MP assume the portfolio of Infrastructure and Transport.

AfPA has expressed excitement to begin working with Minister King, lauding the MP's wealth of experience having served previously as Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development. Other appointments relevant to the multibillion-dollar flexible pavement industry include, Chris Bowen as Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Brendan O'Connor as Minister for Skills and Training, Ed Husic as Minister for Industry and Katy Gallagher as Minister for Women.

AfPA has voiced a strong commitment to work alongside the new cabinet and Minister King to assist in the development of a better flexible pavement industry and improved infrastructure outcomes for Australia through its key policy recommendations.

Carlos Rial, CEO of AfPA, said:

"AfPA is pleased to welcome the arrival of the new cabinet and excited to welcome Minister King into her extremely important role. Australia's roads and the wider infrastructure industry have never been more important to the nation's economic resilience nor its future – AfPA and its members are committed to working together with government to meet the challenges ahead.

"AfPA has consistently advocated for improvements within our industry, including improved education and training, safer conditions for roadworkers, improved diversity outcomes and also a fix -it-first approach to infrastructure. We are excited to begin working with the new cabinet to deliver against these objectives."