



Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

AfPA Welcomes Commencement of Newell Highway Road Upgrades

The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has welcomed the commencement of work on the \$261 million upgrade of the Newell Highway between Narrabri and Moree, part of the Australian and NSW Governments' \$1.7 billion highway upgrade commitment.

The upgrade project will be the Newell Highway's largest ever pavement upgrade, including the construction of entirely new roads, vehicle rest areas and heavy upgrades to intersections.

AfPA has expressed excitement for the commencement of the project, applauding the balanced approach undertaken by all levels of government to balance the need for new road development with crucial maintenance and upgrade work.

AfPA Executive Director, NSW/ACT, Lise Sperling, said:

"AfPA and its members are pleased to see action begin against the federal and State government's road upgrade commitments. The level of collaboration between Government at a federal, state and local level is a promising sign which points to better functioning, more sustainable infrastructure.

"Our members are keen to contribute to the projects delivery and work to deliver crucial, future-proofing upgrades to one of the nation's most important highways. safety and sustainability will be important considerations on what will be a highly technical and large project"

NSW Regional Transport and Roads Minister, Sam Farraway, said:

"We are investing in what matters to our local community and making our network safer, to help make sure everyone out on our roads gets home safely – just one way we are securing a brighter future for NSW."

Federal Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister, Catherine King, said:

"Good infrastructure investment creates jobs, builds opportunity and unlocks economic growth, and I look forward to seeing local communities and motorists using this stretch of the Newell Highway reap the benefits as construction gets underway."