



Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

AfPA Welcomes Infrastructure Upgrades Keeping Remote Communities Connected

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has welcomed the Federal Government's announcement that it will be delivering upgrades to fifty-five aerodomes under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program, an initiative set to keep remote communities across Australia connected to essential services.

The critical upgrades will see almost \$15 million in funding toward ensuring the highest level of accessibility and safety in regions of remote South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, New South Wales and the Northern Territory – with many upgrades directly benefitting First Nation communities.

The project will involve important infrastructure upgrades, including runway resurfacing, ensuring aircraft safety and more efficient logistics, reaching some of the nation's most remote communities.

The peak body for the Flexible Pavement Industry, AfPA, praised the Federal Government's announcement for its alignment with the industry's vision for a better-connected and safer Australia.

AfPA CEO, Carlos Rial, said:

"AfPA and its members welcome this initiative and are keen to demonstrate our vision for a better-connected Australia through flexible pavement upgrades and planning that works for all communities.

The projects will ensure that all Australians are connected to what matters most, through safe and sustainable infrastructure investment."

Assistant Minister for Regional Development, Anthony Chisholm, said:

"The Albanese Government knows that remote aerodomes make a major difference to the communities they serve, by keeping Australians connected to each other and to critical services such as healthcare, and getting goods in and out in a timely manner.

"This supports quality of life in remote communities, helps remote businesses grow and thrive, and builds opportunity and economic growth across our regions."