



## AfPA Calls on next Victorian Government to Prioritise Safe, Sustainable Infrastructure

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has urged all political parties to adopt a future-focussed infrastructure investment strategy, placing specific emphasis on delivering safer and more sustainable roads ahead of the 2022 Victorian state election on the 26th of November.

As the state election approaches, AfPA has called on each political party in contention to meet and exceed the commitment to metropolitan and regional roads outlined in the previous Victorian state budget, delivered by the Victorian Labor Party.

The latest 2022-23 state budget committed to deliver:

- \$246 million toward Victoria's 2021 -2030 road safety strategy and road safety action plan
- \$192 million for several high priority upgrades on rural and metropolitan roads
- \$119 million in urgent road safety upgrades including road resurfacing

Regardless of the election result, AfPA has called for a continuation of crucial road safety and maintenance investment commitments which places equal focus on metropolitan and rural development.

Norbert Michel, AfPA's Executive Director of Victoria and National Sustainability Director, has cautioned that healthy, equitable investment will be required to meet the state's ambitious infrastructure and sustainability targets.

"Our state stands at a crucial juncture, facing a need for targeted infrastructure upgrades, investment in training to combat critical skills shortages and a focus on sustainable procurement to encourage development of pathways to achieve our emissions reduction targets. Simply put, if we are to tackle these challenges, our industry like so many others, will need to be supported and recognised by government.

"AfPA and its members remain committed to working with government at all levels to deliver a safer, more efficient Victoria, and we urge government to adopt our key policy recommendations – prioritising green innovation, adopting a focussed 'fix it first' maintenance approach and investing in a well-trained workforce.

AfPA's previous 2022-23 Victorian Government Budget Submission can be viewed [here](#)