



Australia's Underground Construction Projects Set to Become Safer than Ever

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) commends Transport for NSW as it adopts guidance on safety procedures concerning the management of underground services in the process of 'Cold Milling' that seeks to provide safer and more efficient roadworks and protecting road workers lives.

The recently launched 'Guide for Locating Underground Utility Services on Profiling Projects' was adopted by Transport for NSW within the R101 specifications for Cold Milling. A process in which Road Pavement Materials are used to remove asphalt and concrete surfaces.

The Guide, developed alongside AfPA members and industry partners including Jemena, is a significant milestone in roadworker safety, around managing the removal of undocumented infrastructure, which has previously exposed workers to extreme dangers including gas mains and electrical hazards.

AfPA's State Executive Director for NSW/ACT, Lise Sperling, said:

"The guide is a significant inclusion for the industry and now introduced into TfNSW specifications. It is our hope that more states will move to adopt similar measures to keep road workers safe.

"In states where large amounts of underground infrastructure and road work remains undocumented and unmapped below the surface, guides like this ensure that safety risk is minimised (or significantly reduced) in the delivery of and essential infrastructure upgrades."

Click [HERE](#) to view AfPA's guide.