



## AfPA Welcomes ACT Governments \$153 Million Road Future Proofing Plan

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has welcomed an announcement from the ACT Government that it will commit \$153 million over the next four years toward road maintenance work in an effort to protect its road system for a generation.

The investment will aim to extend the life of roads in the country's capital by 20 years by utilising innovative additional resealing measures under expert advisement by the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB).

AfPA has praised the announcement and the forward-thinking approach the ACT Government has adopted toward proactively maintaining critical roadways before they become degraded.

The association has called for governments across Australia to follow suit and work to adopt a 'Fix it First' approach to roads in the wake of devastating and damaging weather events which have crippled infrastructure.

AfPA's CEO, Carlos Rial, said:

"We are excited to see governments are recognising that the best time to secure the safety and health of our roads is before issues occur. Research-led, well-funded approaches to crucial infrastructure maintenance is a sound approach that will see communities who use these roads benefit for decades to come.

"AfPA and its members have long advocated for a sustainable, proactive approach to future-proofing Australian roads. We look forward to working with the ACT Government to deliver this exciting initiative."

The ACT's Minister for Transport and City Services, Chris Steel, said:

"This maintenance program is evidence-based and will have a greater focus road rehabilitation and use of asphalt, as well as ensuring that we continue our focus on preventative resealing.

"With the annual road resurfacing program now underway, this new maintenance program will extend the life of Canberra's roads by 20 years through additional resealing measures adopted across our rolling roads program. And investing now will reduce road maintenance costs in the long term."