



AfPA Launches Sustainability Framework for Procurement

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has officially launched its *Sustainability Framework for Pavement (SF4P)*, ready to accept registrations for assessment. The framework is set to enable Road Authorities and stakeholders to achieve best practice standards, meet key sustainable procurement metrics and encourage a more sustainable, flexible pavements industry.

The sustainability framework has been developed through extensive consultation with industry and is based on circular economy concepts, including Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) approaches. It encourages stakeholders to consider the UN Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) and recognises the industry's role in helping to reduce waste and contribute toward Australia's emissions reduction targets.

AfPA has encouraged procurement agencies and relevant industry bodies to adopt the SF4P and to embed this into procurement processes to begin setting quantifiable metrics and benchmarks that will ultimately drive a reduction in the environmental impacts associated with asphalt production and operations across the flexible pavement industry.

Norbert Michel, AfPA's Executive Director and National Sustainability Director, said:

"We are very excited to welcome road authorities and relevant organisations to begin registering to receive their sustainability assessment. The adoption of this framework will allow procurement agencies to uniformly and transparently evaluate and select from suppliers who demonstrate a willingness to invest in their infrastructure and technology to deliver sustainably.

"To effectively contribute toward a more sustainable industry, we must look to reward where more sustainable options exist, such as incorporating suitable 'waste' products within accepted solutions. It is our hope that the SF4P will become the new industry standard for the procurement and delivery of sustainable roads across Australia."

To register please visit: <https://www.afpa.asn.au/sustainability-assessments/>