



AfPA Welcomes QLD Government's Roads and Infrastructure Budget

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has welcomed renewed commitment to Roads and Infrastructure as part of the 'Big Build' from the Palaszczuk Government after it announced that it would be investing \$32.1 billion in The Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) set to revitalise the state's economy and infrastructure pipeline.

QTRIP is set to be rolled out over a period of four years, supporting an average of 25,200 direct jobs and will place special emphasis on sustainability and affordability, as the state looks to balance meaningful spending with mounting skills shortages and supply chain pressures. Thus far, industry has been appreciative of the Government's support in addressing the extraordinary escalation in materials costs that have impacted on project budgets.

The announcement was made in conjunction with Treasurer Cameron Dick's budget commitment to increase infrastructure funding by 21 per cent to \$45.3 billion over the next four years, the highest level in the state in over a decade.

AfPA has applauded the Government's commitment to the regions and the specific acknowledgment of the need for a sustainable and responsible approach to investment on account of ongoing global and local market conditions and crippling labour shortages. The Association has also commended the strong, ongoing commitment to road safety through the Department of Transport and Main Roads for both road users and our workers on foot.

AfPA has labelled the Budget spend as an example of the positive results greater collaboration between industry and government can offer and expressed commitment to assisting the government in delivering the QTRIP to benefit all the state's communities.

AfPA's Executive Director of Queensland and the Northern Territory, Mark Piorkowski, said:

"This announcement from the Palaszczuk Government is exactly what is required to inspire confidence in the economy and to inspire confidence in the ability for the industry to deliver on critical road infrastructure pipelines.

"AfPA has always advocated that strong investment be balanced with visibility, responsibility and sustainability in order to deliver positive outcomes for regional and urban communities. This announcement is a demonstration of the benefits that result from productive ongoing close working relationship between industry and Government, a level of collaboration we aim to continue to strengthen as we deliver safer, better functioning roads for the state".

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