



AfPA Applauds \$7.2 Billion Investment Boost for Bruce Highway Safety

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) warmly welcomes the Albanese Government's landmark \$7.2 billion investment to enhance the safety of the Bruce Highway in Queensland. This unprecedented funding marks a major milestone in the ongoing efforts to improve road safety in Queensland and demonstrates the Government's dedication to improving critical infrastructure for the benefit of all Queenslanders.

The Bruce Highway is a vital artery, linking Brisbane with regional centres like Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville, and Cairns. The highway supports the transport needs of passengers, freight, and tourists, serving approximately 62% of Queensland's population. With the Government's total investment now surpassing \$17 billion, this initiative underscores the importance of this key transport corridor in connecting communities and fostering economic growth.

AfPA fully supports the Government's goal to achieve a minimum three-star safety rating for the entire Bruce Highway. This comprehensive safety package will expedite essential projects along the corridor, particularly in sections identified as having higher-than-average crash rates. A focus on road surface resilience will further mitigate damage from adverse weather events.

AfPA believes these upgrades are crucial for reducing the Bruce Highway's high fatal and serious injury crash rates. Improved safety measures will not only save lives but also enhance the efficiency and reliability of Queensland's transport network, fostering economic growth and regional development. By ensuring safer roads, we are connecting communities more effectively and supporting the social and economic vitality of Queensland.

Consistent with AfPA's "Fix it First" approach, this investment highlights the importance of addressing urgent maintenance and construction road work to ensure the longevity and safety of our biggest infrastructure investment, our roads. By prioritising essential repairs and upgrades, we can create a more resilient and reliable transport network for all Queenslanders.

Quotes attributable to Tony Aloisio, AfPA Interim CEO: "We are delighted by the Albanese Government's historic commitment to the Bruce Highway. This significant investment will vastly improve safety and support the economic vitality of Queensland. We look forward to collaborating with the Government to implement these critical upgrades and make our roads safer for everyone."

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