



Concrete pavements are renowned for their long life and low maintenance especially under tough weather and heavy traffic conditions.



Concrete payements can provide a service life of forty years or more under extreme conditions due to the inherent strength and durability of concrete. They are used widely in NSW, across major arterials including the recently constructed Hunter Expressway - the main artery to Newcastle International Port. Concrete's excellent performance and financial benefits are also being realised in other regions of Australia.

PROJECT: NORTHERN CONNECTOR

Location: Adelaide. South Australia Value: \$985 million

Completion: December 2019

Principal: South Australian Government Contractor: Lendlease

Scope: This fifteen kilometre, six lane, dual carriageway expressway is the first major concrete pavement in South Australia. It has been designed to successfully carry heavy industrial traffic through an environmentally sensitive mangrove wetland. **Project Selection:** A plain concrete pavement was selected to provide strong structure for heavy freight access to Adelaide's port and north and northwest industrial areas.

Features: Diamond grinding has been selected for the surfacing to provide a low maintenance, highly durable and quiet riding surface. The advantages of the design include increased local materials content, creation of extra local jobs, lower operating fuel costs for heavy vehicle owners and a lower cost over the life of the road asset.

PROJECT: HUNTER EXPRESSWAY

Location: New England Hwy, Newcastle, NSW Value: \$1.7 billion

Completion: March 2014

Scope: The forty kilometre, four lane, dual carriageway expressway connects NSW's busiest port Newcastle with the Upper Hunter Coalfields. This is a challenging road project designed for high frequency heavy industrial traffic over unstable abandoned coal mines through environmentally sensitive regions.

Principal: NSW Government

Contractor: Thiess and Abigroup.

Project Selection: Both plain concrete and continuously reinforced concrete pavement types were selected to manage the varying foundation conditions.

Features: Diamond grinding of the surface produced a highly durable, low maintenance and quiet road surface. The pavements were designed for forty years of high performance and low maintenance.

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CONCRETES KEY BENEFITS

STRONG

• Superior performance under heavy traffic

DURABLE

- Much lower repair & maintenance costs
- Lower life cycle costs
- No rutting, potholes or shoving
- Long design life
- Resists abrasion & petro-chemical attack
- Superior shear resistance

RESILIENT

- Stands up to extreme weather
- Doesn't melt in hot weather
- Doesn't erode in flood conditions.

HEAVY VEHICLE FUEL SAVINGS

BETTER VISIBILITY

- Lighter coloured roads
- Increased safety
- Safer night driving

ENERGY SAVINGS

- Lower lighting costs
- Light coloured for cooler temperatures

HIGH LOCAL CONTENT

• Locally manufactured raw materials

RECYCLABLE

QUIET RIDE

Innovative surfaces for noise reduction

