

## Australian Society for Concrete Pavements “Antitrust Compliance Statement”

### 1 Preamble

The Australian Society for Concrete Pavements (ASCP) exists to advance knowledge, technology, and best practice in concrete pavement design, construction, and maintenance across Australia. We are committed to fostering a collaborative, innovative, and technically informed community that promotes excellence in concrete pavements through education, industry engagement, and continuous improvement.

The ASCP has adopted this Antitrust Compliance Statement to ensure all activities, communications, and collaborations among members strictly comply with Australian competition laws. As a technical and professional body, ASCP encourages the open exchange of ideas and best practices—but never at the expense of fair market conduct. This policy protects the integrity of our Society, the industries we support, and the broader public interest.

### 2 Antitrust Compliance Statement (Long Version)

Participants shall not discuss or be involved in discussions about competitive business decisions with other participants, nor will take any action that would attempt to restrain competition.

1. Participants shall not discuss, bring about, or attempt to bring about, any understanding or agreement(s) that violates or causes a violation of Antitrust or Competition Laws, whether written or oral, formal or informal, expressed or implied, among its participating companies with regard to, but not limited to, price fixing, market sharing, bid-rigging, limiting production or supply, boycotting, or unfair discrimination.
2. Participants shall not exchange or participate in collection and dissemination of business secrets or other commercially sensitive information among its participants. Such commercially sensitive information includes (but is not limited to) information (other than information already publicly available) regarding:
  - a. previous, current or future negotiations with individual customers, or negotiation strategies generally;
  - b. previous, current or future terms of trade, including but not limited to prices;
  - c. capacity, production or sales forecasts;
  - d. previous, current or future stock levels; and
  - e. previous, current or future sales data, whether by asset or customer or otherwise.
3. Participants shall not discuss or take any action which might be construed as an agreement or understanding to prevent any business entity from gaining access to any market or to any customer for goods or services, or to prevent or boycott any business entity from obtaining a supply of goods or otherwise purchasing goods or services freely in the market.

4. Participants shall not discuss or take any action that might be construed as an agreement or understanding to refrain from purchasing (or limit the prices paid for) any raw materials, semi-finished products, equipment, services or other supplies from any supplier.
5. No company shall be unreasonably or arbitrarily excluded from participation in activities.

### **3 Antitrust Compliance Statement (Short Version)**

Prior to the commencement of any member meeting the following statement must be read to all attendees, agreed and recorded in the minutes;

*"Attendees are advised that Australian Society for Concrete Pavements is committed to complying with all relevant anti-trust, competition laws and regulations and, to that end, has adopted an Anti-trust Statement and compliance with which is a condition of participating in this meeting. Failure to abide by these laws can potentially have extremely serious consequences for the Association and participants, including heavy fines and, in some jurisdictions, imprisonment for individuals. You are therefore asked to have due regard for this Statement today."*

### **4 Why adopted an Antitrust Compliance Statement**

By adopting this Antitrust Compliance Statement, the Australian Society for Concrete Pavements (ASCP) affirms its role as a respected, neutral forum for sharing technical knowledge and promoting best practice in concrete pavements—while ensuring compliance with competition laws.

This statement helps to:

- Uphold ASCP's integrity as a non-commercial, independent professional society;
- Foster trust among government agencies, regulators, and the broader infrastructure sector;
- Ensure ASCP events and discussions are safe spaces for exchanging knowledge without the risk of breaching antitrust or competition laws;
- Protect ASCP members from legal liability or reputational harm due to inadvertent anti-competitive behaviour;
- Maintain compliance with Australian and international competition law frameworks, including those enforced by the ACCC;
- Reinforce ASCP's mission to support industry-wide advancement, not individual commercial advantage.

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