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New Voices for Better Procurement in NSW

Key promotions in the new Labor Front Bench are welcomed by the industry association for multi-disciplinary professional services firms working on cities, infrastructure and natural environments.

Consult Australia's New South Wales State Manager Matthew Trigg welcomes Luke Foley's decision to promote members with an interest in areas such as procurement of government infrastructure, risk management and value capture financing.

"This is a critical time for infrastructure and professional services in New South Wales. There is a significant role for all those in parliament to play in setting the type of relationship that businesses have with public sector clients and in minimising poor practices."

"The unfortunate fact remains in our State that risk is not being allocated according to who is best able to manage it but instead according to who has the strongest bargaining position."

"The fact a department or agency can opt out of its own legislation and disproportionately transfer away all liability on a project is not in the public interest."

"Neither is it good for businesses to be wasting time trying to understand contracts that vary between jobs without any reasonable justification."

In welcoming these changes, Consult Australia thanks outgoing shadow ministers, congratulating the new cabinet, noting in particular:

- Michael Daley MP, new Shadow Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- Ryan Park MP on his promotion to Shadow Treasurer
- Jodi McKay MP on the addition of Transport to her portfolio
- Yasmin Catley MP on her promotion to Shadow Cabinet and the portfolio of Innovation and Better Regulation

NSW Procurement Inquiry

On Monday at 10am Consult Australia will be appearing before the current Inquiry into the Procurement of Government Infrastructure being led by the Legislative Assembly Committee on Transport and Infrastructure of which Ryan Park MP and Jodi McKay MP are members.

The detailed submission from Consult Australia is available for download [here with attachments](#) and [here without](#).

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We represent an industry comprising some 48,000 firms across Australia, ranging from sole practitioners through to some of Australia's top 500 firms. Collectively, our industry is estimated to employ over 240,000 people, and generate combined revenue exceeding \$40 billion a year.

Consult Australia has undertaken significant work to further the discussion, including on how major works are financed and procured. For more visit <http://consultaaustralia.com.au/Home/Advocacy/Infrastructure>