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Industry welcomes long-term infrastructure pipeline

The updated pipeline of roads projects released today will help industry to deliver projects better, quicker, and cheaper for the people of New South Wales.

Industry association, Consult Australia, represents almost all of the professional services firms that will provide the engineering, consultancy, design, and other professional services required to deliver this unprecedented program of work.

State Manager, Matthew Trigg, has welcomed the continued, open, and detailed engagement that Roads and Maritime Services has with industry.

"Long term certainty on what and where infrastructure will be built is in the interest of both industry and the taxpayer."

"It's great to hear Minister Constance talking about the need for a strong, long-term project timeline that makes the most of innovative financing."

"Financing vehicles such as value capture (or value sharing as the Minister refers to it) is an essential component of best-practice business case development and can be a useful mechanism to drive better public and design outcomes."

Consult Australia is a key advocate for Governments to act responsibly and provide industry and the public with long term certainty through independently-assessed infrastructure pipelines, the protection of corridors, the use of more appropriate cost-benefit analysis, and delivering work through best practice procurement.

"It was promising to hear the Government speak today about improving processes and reducing administrative burdens that are of little or no public interest."

"We look forward to working with Roads and Maritime Services, and all other agencies, to ensure our members and the wider industry can spend more of their time and effort delivering real outcomes for the people of New South Wales."

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Consult Australia is the association that represents the business interests of consulting firms that design, engineer, assess and plan our built and natural environments.

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 www.consultaustralia.com.au