

## INFRASTRUCTURE VICTORIA TO SUPPORT INDUSTRY, PUBLIC

Consult Australia welcomes the passing by the Victorian Parliament of legislation to establish Infrastructure Victoria.

“We congratulate all the parties that voted in favour of this legislation, as the benefits will be felt by industry and consumers alike for years to come,” said Consult Australia Chief Executive, Megan Motto.

“Consult Australia called for the establishment of Infrastructure Victoria, and then worked closely with the then opposition to develop their policy.”

“Now that the legislation has passed the Parliament, we look forward to working with the Government to ensure that Infrastructure Victoria is established in a way that fulfills its intended objectives.”

“Infrastructure Victoria will play a crucial role in ensuring that important decisions around infrastructure are based on expert advice rather than political considerations.”

“It will allow priority lists of projects to be developed based on considerations around what will strengthen the Victorian economy, and improve quality of life, rather than who might vote which way at the next election.”

“That means we can avoid repeating the mistakes of the East-West Link motorway project, and that taxpayer dollars will go to developing infrastructure rather than paying out contracts.”

“While we’re never going to completely take the politics out of decision making around infrastructure project selection, we can at least increase transparency as to what the expert advice is, and force the relevant ministers to explain why they might have disregarded that,” Ms Motto said.

“The development of 30 year long term infrastructure plans, together with short and medium term priorities, also gives industry greater certainty, and allows us to plan for the future to ensure we’re best able to meet the needs of projects as they are put out to market.”

“Once established, Infrastructure Victoria will maximise the taxpayer’s bang for their buck, and ensure that Victorians get to enjoy world class infrastructure for years to come.”

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