

CONSULT AUSTRALIA CONGRATULATES SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT ON LEADING THE PACK

Consult Australia commends the South Australian Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure on awarding over \$15 million of transport planning and design work in less than three months

The South Australian Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) this week awarded over \$15 million of fast-tracked transport planning and design work, less than three months after they were originally announced.

Jan Irvine, South Australian Manager of Consult Australia said, "We congratulate DPTI on its consultative approach and speedy release of upwards of \$15 million worth of transport planning and design work as part of its economic response to COVID-19."

"DPTI was early to engage with the industry. It endeavoured to streamline its procurement and ensure the work was distributed across the consulting industry."

"As a result, this work was out to market orderly and quickly, and has been welcomed by consulting firms."

"DPTI's transport planning and design work package has helped provide more confidence to consulting firms during a challenging period."

Consult Australia looks forward to working with the South Australian Government on further targeted investments to support industry and the economy.

Consult Australia's [Industry Health Check](#) highlights the benefits of including projects related to the building sector, which has been hit particularly hard, potentially through social infrastructure investments.

A focus on this next phase of projects is critical for supporting a rolling pipeline of work and safeguarding essential 'front end' jobs related to design, advisory and engineering services.

"A rolling pipeline with a healthy range of projects in the next six to 12 months and beyond is not only critical for our members, but it is also critical for driving job growth. If nothing is designed, nothing is built." Ms Irvine said.

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1. About Consult Australia

Consult Australia is the industry association representing consulting firms operating in the built and natural environment sectors. These services include design, engineering, cost management, architecture, technology, survey, legal and management solutions for individual consumers through to major companies in the private and public sector including local, state and federal governments. We represent an industry comprising some 48,000 firms across Australia, ranging from sole practitioners through to some of Australia's top 500 firms with combined revenue exceeding \$40 billion a year.

2. About Jan Irvine

Jan Irvine is the Manager SA & NT and Acting Manager ACT of Consult Australia. Jan is responsible for achieving Consult Australia's business strategy and representing its member firms from SA, NT and the ACT on a wide range of issues and facilitating the connection of business to Government and business to business - working with government at both state and federal level, collaborating with numerous Built and Natural Environment stakeholders. She strives to address critical business issues and improve the business environment in which our member firms work.

3. For interview

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