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Infrastructure Australia's updated Infrastructure Priority List can help maximise the job and growth opportunities from investments

Consult Australia has welcomed the release of Infrastructure Australia's latest update to the Infrastructure Priority List.

Consult Australia represents design, advisory, and engineering consulting businesses, an industry comprising some 48,000 firms across Australia that employ around 240,000 employees, including professional engineers. Consult Australia is the only association representing employers in the sector.

This work by Infrastructure Australia once again demonstrates the value of independent and expert assessments on Australia's current and future infrastructure needs.

It is positive to see this year's update comprising the most extensive range of sectors to date. This growth in the list is another positive step towards the infrastructure investment model that Consult Australia promoted in its report on 'iBodies' and infrastructure governance (available [here](#)).

Nicola Grayson, Chief Executive of Consult Australia, said, "We are strong supporters of the important role Infrastructure Australia plays in taking an independent and evidence-based approach to prioritising our future infrastructure opportunities."

"We have long campaigned on the benefits of taking the politics out of long-term infrastructure planning."

"Our nation's ability to efficiently connect people to places and products to markets is critical for continued economic growth and the wellbeing of our communities. We strongly believe Infrastructure Australia's independent approach to prioritising future projects is a critical step to meeting these opportunities."

Consult Australia encourages the Australian Government to use the priority list as the evidence base for future infrastructure investment decisions of national significance, and to help maximise the jobs and growth benefits from an expanded pipeline of infrastructure projects.

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NOTES TO EDITOR

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 Nicola Grayson

Nicola Grayson is the Chief Executive of Consult Australia. Nicola is responsible for implementing the organisation's strategy, building ongoing external relationships, and for leading Consult Australia's advocacy and government relations agenda on behalf of member firms.

Nicola is a government relations specialist, and has represented industry associations in the United Kingdom, the European Union, and Australia. Nicola has worked across a range of sectors including general insurance, consumer finance, alcohol, and education, in addition to consulting engineering. She has an Honours Degree in Law from the United Kingdom and was previously Consult Australia's Director of Policy and Government Relations.

3. For interview

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