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Commitment to Cross River Rail Builds Confidence

The Queensland Government's commitment today to invest \$800 million in the Cross River Rail project was a much-needed step towards rebuilding industry confidence in the State, according to Consult Australia.

Consult Australia State Manager Stacey Rawlings said: "This announcement demonstrates that the Government is prepared to put its plans into action with substantial investment that will deliver productivity benefits across the State for generations to come."

"If we are serious about delivering jobs and growth then we must secure a bipartisan commitment, across both state and federal governments, to major nation building infrastructure like Cross River Rail."

With this project at the top of Building Queensland's *Infrastructure Pipeline Report*, also released today, this investment reinforces the Government's commitment to infrastructure decision making supported by independent, expert and transparent advice.

Building Queensland's *Infrastructure Pipeline Report* is welcomed by Consult Australia to support better long-term infrastructure planning in Queensland, and create greater certainty for business.

Ms Rawlings said: "Infrastructure investment is at record levels in New South Wales and Victoria is picking up the pace. Without a clear pipeline of projects, backed up by funding like that supporting Cross River Rail, we risk losing even more jobs and businesses interstate. Governments have limited options to drive productivity. Investments like that made today demonstrate the importance of infrastructure to capitalise on our strengths and support the growth of Queensland in the decades ahead.

"This is an investment not just in the future of Queensland, but in the businesses and skills that have committed to doing business in Queensland today. We look forward to working with the Government to support the delivery of Cross-River Rail, and the longer-term pipeline of projects for Queensland."

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