

INTRODUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE VICTORIA AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE

Consult Australia today welcomed the introduction of legislation to establish Infrastructure Victoria.

“It’s terrific to see the introduction of this legislation, as the Victorian Government honours an important election promise,” 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.”

“This is an important milestone, in bringing that policy idea to reality so the Victorian public can enjoy the benefits of better infrastructure, and business can plan for the future with greater certainty.”

“By establishing Infrastructure Victoria, the Government is setting the groundwork to ensure that important decisions around infrastructure are based on expert advice rather than political considerations.”

“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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