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NSW needs procurement reforms enacted quickly

Industry has welcomed the [report tabled today](#) from the *Inquiry into the Procurement of Government Infrastructure Projects* by Alistair Henskens SC MP, as chair of the *NSW Legislative Assembly Committee on Transport and Infrastructure*.

Consult Australia State Manager for New South Wales, Matthew Trigg, says there has been enough delay and the government must move quickly to adopt the recommendations.

“There is a significant role for Government to play in setting the type of relationship that businesses have with public sector clients and with each other.”

“The ability of a Government to act as a ‘model client’ or not is a key determinant of the efficacy of procuring government infrastructure.”

“Failing to act as a model client in its procurement practices is doing a major disservice to the public.”

“It wastes time and money by continuing systemic issues associated with poor risk management and inefficient contracting.”

“This burdens industry and results in a less productive and competitive business environment.”

Consult Australia strongly supports the recommendations to:

- Establish a Centre for Procurement Excellence;
- Provide a consistent and transparent pipeline of infrastructure projects;
- Review all procurement contracts and the use of standardised contracts where practical;
- Develop clear principles for the allocation of project risk; and
- Prohibit contracting out of proportionate liability.

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